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1 [There was no reportable action as a result of the
2 Board of Supervisors' closed session held today.]

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6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING. WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN THIS
7 MORNING'S MEETING IF YOU'D PLEASE FIND A SEAT. OUR INVOCATION
8 WILL BE LED BY PASTOR REGINALD A. POPE OF BETHEL MISSIONARY
9 BAPTIST CHURCH HERE IN LOS ANGELES. OUR PLEDGE THIS MORNING IS
10 GOING TO BE LED BY AURELIO C. LOPEZ WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE LA
11 PUENTE POST 75 OF THE AMERICAN LEGION. WOULD YOU ALL PLEASE
12 STAND? PASTOR?

13

14 **PASTOR REGINALD A. POPE:** THOU WHO HEARS AND ANSWERS OUR
15 PRAYERS, WE LIFT UP THIS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AS THEY
16 COME TODAY TO DISCUSS, TO DELIBERATE, TO DECIDE, PRAY THAT
17 THOU WOULD GIVE THEM INSIGHT, THAT THEY MIGHT RIGHTLY
18 DISCHARGE THEIR DUTIES IN BEHALF OF THE MILLIONS OF
19 CONSTITUENTS THAT THEY DO SERVE. BLESS IN JESUS-- WE PRAISE
20 YOU FOR WHAT YOU'RE DOING. THIS IS OUR PRAYER AND WE THANK YOU
21 FOR THE ANSWER. AMEN.

22

23 **AURELIO C. LOPEZ:** PLEASE TURN YOUR FACE TO OUR FLAG. [PLEDGE
24 OF ALLEGIANCE]

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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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3 **SUP. BURKE:** WE'RE SO PLEASED TO HAVE PASTOR REGINALD ALTEN
4 POPE, WHO'S BEEN THE PASTOR OF BETHEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST
5 CHURCH IN LOS ANGELES SINCE 1975. PASTOR POPE RECEIVED HIS
6 DEGREE IN THEOLOGY AT GOLDEN GATE SEMINARY ALONG WITH AN
7 HONORARY DOCTORATE OF LETTERS FROM SAINT STEVENS EDUCATIONAL
8 BIBLE COLLEGE AND AN HONORARY SYSTEMATIC CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
9 CERTIFICATE FROM BETHANY CHRISTIAN BIBLE TRAINING INSTITUTE.
10 HE HAS AN OUTREACH MINISTRY WHICH INCLUDES PRISON AND
11 CONVALESCENT VISITATION, FOOD AND CLOTHING DISTRIBUTION AS
12 WELL AS BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA AND HISPANIC COMMUNITY. HE IS
13 ALSO A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
14 AND WAS PAST PRESIDENT OF SOUTHEAST CLERGY POLICY COUNCIL.
15 HE'S MARRIED, HAS TWO CHILDREN AND THREE GRANDCHILDREN. THANK
16 YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, PASTOR. IT'S MY PLEASURE TO
19 MAKE A PRESENTATION THIS MORNING OF A CERTIFICATE OF
20 APPRECIATION TO AURELIO LOPEZ. MR. LOPEZ IS A MEMBER OF THE LA
21 PUENTE AMERICAN LEGION POST 75. HE SERVED AS A SERGEANT IN THE
22 30TH INFANTRY DIVISION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY FROM 1951 TO
23 1953 AND SAW BATTLE IN KOREA. HIS IMPRESSIVE DECORATIONS
24 INCLUDE A BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH VALOR, A COMBAT ACTION
25 RIBBON, A MEDAL OF GOOD CONDUCT, THE NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE



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1 MEDAL, A KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL WITH TWO STARS, UNITED NATIONS
2 SERVICE MEDAL AND A COMBAT INFANTRY BADGE. MR. LOPEZ IS
3 MARRIED. HIS WIFE IS HERE JOINING HIM AND ONE OF HIS FIVE
4 CHILDREN ARE HERE. SO WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE HIM AND THANK
5 HIM SO MUCH. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. I'M GOING TO ASK OUR EXECUTIVE
8 OFFICER TO PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA.

9

10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE
11 BOARD. WE'LL BEGIN ON PAGE 4. ON ITEM CS-3, AS NOTED ON THE
12 GREEN SHEET, THE COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK
13 CONTINUANCE.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THAT ITEM WILL BE CONTINUED.

16

17 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON PAGE 6, ON ITEM S-2, ALSO AS NOTED ON
18 THE GREEN SHEET, THE DIRECTOR REQUESTS THE ITEM BE CONTINUED
19 FOR THREE WEEKS.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHICH ITEM IS THAT?

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** S-2. AND THAT ITEM WILL BE CONTINUED.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, WHAT WAS THE FIRST ITEM?



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1

2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THE FIRST ITEM WAS ON PAGE...

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4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** CS-3, ON PAGE 4.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT WAS DONE ON THAT?

7

8 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** CONTINUE IT FOR ONE WEEK.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I HAVE IT ON PAGE 2. ALL RIGHT.

11

12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY?

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** PLEASE PROCEED.

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY
17 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEM 1-D AND 2-D.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY
20 SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

21

22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL
23 PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, ITEM 1-P.

24



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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED
2 BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 13.
5 I HAVE THE FOLLOWING REQUEST. ON ITEM NUMBER 2, HOLD FOR
6 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. ON ITEM NUMBER 3, AS NOTED ON THE GREEN
7 SHEET, SUPERVISOR MOLINA REQUESTS THE ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE
8 WEEK. ON ITEM NUMBER 5, SUPERVISOR BURKE REQUESTS THE ITEM BE
9 REFERRED BACK TO HER OFFICE. ON ITEM NUMBER 6, HOLD FOR
10 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. ON ITEM NUMBER 12, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR
11 ANTONOVICH. AND THE REST ARE BEFORE YOU.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINING ITEMS, MOVED BY
14 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF
15 THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

16

17 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ITEMS 14 THROUGH
18 19. ON ITEM NUMBER 16, FOR THE RECORD, SUPERVISOR MOLINA VOTES
19 "NO". ON ITEM NUMBER 18, HOLD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. AND,
20 ON ITEM NUMBER 19, I'M GOING TO READ THIS LANGUAGE INTO THE
21 RECORD. THE PREVIOUS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WAS EXTENDED
22 BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT. THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT EXPIRED ON
23 DECEMBER 31, 2004.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, COULD WE HOLD THAT? I HAVE JUST
2 A FACTUAL QUESTION ON THE LANGUAGE OF THE C.A.O., AND I THINK
3 THEY WERE CHECKING THAT OUT.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YOU WANT TO HOLD THE READING? THERE IS
6 GOING TO BE-- IT'S GOING TO BE HELD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
7 TO SPEAK.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 19?

10

11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** NO.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NO.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THIS IS JUST THE M.O.U. WITH THE
16 FIREFIGHTERS. I JUST WANTED TO GET A CLARIFICATION FROM THE
17 C.A.O. ON...

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YOU'RE NOT READING IN NUMBER 18?

20

21 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** I'M READING NUMBER 19.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY. I APOLOGIZE. YES. THEN LET'S DO SO.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO LET ME JUST HOLD IT.



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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. WE'LL HOLD THAT AND I'LL FINISH
3 READING THIS INTO THE RECORD. A THREE- YEAR SUCCESSOR M.O.U.
4 HAS BEEN NEGOTIATED AND PROVIDES FOR LIMITED ECONOMIC RE-
5 OPENERS. THE NEW M.O.U. TERM IS FROM JANUARY 1, 2005, THROUGH
6 DECEMBER 31, 2007, SO WE'LL HOLD THAT ITEM.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ON THE REMAINING ITEMS, MOVED
9 BY SUPERVISOR KNABE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF
10 THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

11

12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ARTS COMMISSION, ITEM 20.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY
15 SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

16

17 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** BEACHES AND HARBORS, ITEM 21.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED
20 BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

21

22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICE. ON ITEM 22, AS
23 NOTED ON THE GREEN SHEET, THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER
24 REQUESTS THE ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THAT ITEM WILL BE CONTINUED FOR
2 A WEEK.

3

4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, ITEM 23.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY
7 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

8

9 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES, ITEMS 24
10 AND 25. ON ITEM NUMBER 24, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS A
11 TWO-WEEK CONTINUANCE. ITEM 25 INCLUDES SUPERVISOR KNABE'S
12 RECOMMENDATION AS NOTED ON THE GREEN SHEET. AND WE'RE GOING TO
13 HOLD THAT ITEM FOR SUPERVISOR KNABE AS WELL.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

16

17 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON 25.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHICH WAS THE ITEM THAT I...

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** TWO-WEEK CONTINUANCE ON ITEM NUMBER 24.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU.

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AND ITEM 25 IS HELD FOR MR. KNABE.



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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** FIRE DEPARTMENT, ITEM 26 AND 27. ON ITEM
3 26, HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. ITEM 27 IS BEFORE YOU.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ON ITEM 27, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
6 YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. IF THERE IS NO
7 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

8

9 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEALTH SERVICES, ITEMS 28 THROUGH 38 AND
10 I HAVE THE FOLLOWING REQUEST. ON NUMBER 28, SUPERVISOR
11 YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS A TWO-WEEK CONTINUANCE AND WE HAVE A
12 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD. ON ITEM NUMBER
13 30, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. ON ITEM NUMBER 31, HOLD
14 FOR SUPERVISOR KNABE AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. ON ITEM NUMBER
15 33, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT ON THE REMAINING...

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** ITEM 30, I DIDN'T HAVE A HOLD. I JUST HAD A "NO"
20 VOTE-- I WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE A "NO" VOTE RECORDED.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** BUT IT'S HELD-- ITEM 30 IS HELD FOR
23 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. ALL RIGHT. ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY
24 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF
25 THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.



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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND ON 28, MADAM CHAIR, WE HAD A MEMBER
3 OF THE PUBLIC HOLD AND WE HAD A TWO-WEEK REQUEST TO CONTINUE
4 FOR TWO WEEKS, SO ARE WE GOING TO HOLD THAT OR CONTINUE IT?

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WHY DON'T WE HOLD IT FOR NOW.

7

8 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. INTERNAL SERVICES, ITEM 39.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED
11 BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

12

13 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PARKS AND RECREATION, ITEM 40.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY
16 SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

17

18 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC DEFENDER, ITEM 41.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED
21 BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

22

23 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, ITEMS 42 THROUGH
24 44. ON ITEM NUMBER 42, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR KNABE AND MEMBERS
25 OF THE PUBLIC.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY
3 SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF
4 THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

5

6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC WORKS, ITEMS 45 THROUGH 70. ON
7 ITEM NUMBER 61, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR KNABE.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
10 KNABE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION,
11 SO ORDERED.

12

13 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SHERIFF, ITEMS 71 THROUGH 74 AND THAT'S
14 PAGE 35.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ON THOSE ITEMS, MOVED BY
17 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. IF
18 THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

19

20 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS, ITEMS 75
21 THROUGH 81. ON ITEM NUMBER 75, HOLD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.
22 AND, ON ITEM 81, THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER REQUESTS A REQUESTS A
23 TWO-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THAT ITEM WILL BE CONTINUED...



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHICH ITEM?

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ITEM NUMBER 81. ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY
5 SUPERVISOR KNABE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF
6 THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

7

8 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION, 82 TO 84 AND
9 I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE INTO THE RECORD. 82, AN ORDINANCE
10 AMENDING TITLE 5, PERSONNEL AND TITLE SALARIES OF THE LOS
11 ANGELES COUNTY CODE RELATING TO FIRE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES. 83,
12 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 820257-F AS AMENDED
13 WHICH GRANTED A PROPRIETY PETROLEUM PIPELINE FRANCHISE HELD BY
14 WHITTIER PIPELINE, LLC. 84, AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE
15 NUMBER 12410, AS AMENDED, WHICH GRANTED A WASTEWATER PIPELINE
16 FRANCHISE HELD BY WHITTIER PIPELINE LLC. FOR THE RECORD, ON
17 ITEMS 83 AND 84, SUPERVISOR MOLINA VOTES "NO".

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** CAN YOU JUST MARK ME AS A "NO" ON 83? I'M
20 FINE ON 84.

21

22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND, MADAM CHAIR, ON ITEM 82, WE'LL HOLD
23 THIS FOR SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

24



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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE WILL HOLD ITEM 82. I'M A
2 "NO" VOTE ON 83 AND 84 IS BEFORE US AS WELL. MOVED BY
3 SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE'S NO
4 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

5

6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION, 85 THROUGH 87.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE, SECONDED BY
9 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

10

11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SEPARATE MATTERS, 88, 89. 88 IS THE
12 TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE FISCAL
13 YEAR 2005/2006 TAX EXEMPT TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTES,
14 SHORT-TERM BORROWING PROGRAM AND TO ADOPT RESOLUTION
15 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE 2005/2006 TAX AND
16 REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTES IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT
17 TO EXCEED \$1,100,000,000. THAT ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE, SECONDED BY
20 SUPERVISOR BURKE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

21

22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 89, TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S
23 RECOMMENDATION ADOPTING RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE
24 AND SALE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
25 DISTRICTS, 2005/2006 TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTES AND



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1 PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF PARTICIPATION OF CERTIFICATES IN AN
2 IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$39 MILLION.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED
5 BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

6

7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
8 REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE
9 OFFICER, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF
10 THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.
11 90-A.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY
14 SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 90-B.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY
19 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

20

21 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 90-C.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED
24 BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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3 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED
4 BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

5

6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 90-E.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED
9 BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

10

11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 90-F.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED
14 BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, I WILL RELEASE MY HOLD ON ITEM 61.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WHICH ITEM? 51?

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** SIX-ONE.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** 61. ALL RIGHT. ON ITEM NUMBER 61...

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** I'LL MOVE THE ITEM.

2

3 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE, SECONDED BY
4 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, ITEM 24, I DID NOT HOLD, SO
7 THAT WAS A MISTAKE.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU SAID...

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YOU SAID IT WAS CONTINUED FOR TWO WEEKS.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DID NOT.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YOU DON'T WISH A CONTINUANCE?

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 28 IS THE ONE THAT I WAS HOLDING.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ON ITEM NUMBER 24...

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D MOVE IT.

24



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2 BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

3

4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. SO THAT THAT COMPLETES THE READING
5 OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH
6 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 1.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IT'S MY PLEASURE THIS MORNING TO WELCOME A
9 NEW CONSUL-GENERAL, THE CONSUL-GENERAL OF BRAZIL, THE
10 HONORABLE THEREZA MARIA MACHADO QUINTELLA. IT IS MY HONOR TO
11 INTRODUCE HER. SHE'S NEWLY APPOINTED. SHE WAS BORN IN RIO DE
12 JANEIRO AND GRADUATED WITH A DEGREE IN ROMANCE LANGUAGES AND
13 JOINED BRAZIL'S DIPLOMATIC ACADEMY IN 1959. SHE HAS HELD
14 NUMEROUS POSTINGS IN ARGENTINA, ARMENIA, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM,
15 RUSSIA, UNITED KINGDOM AND URUGUAY. PRIOR TO ASSUMING HER
16 DUTIES IN LOS ANGELES, SHE OCCUPIED VARIOUS POSITIONS AT THE
17 MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN BRAZIL AND PARTICIPATED IN THE
18 U.N. WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN IN NAIROBI, KENYA, AND THE U.N.
19 CONFERENCE OF WOMEN IN BEIJING, CHINA. PLEASE JOIN ME IN
20 WELCOMING CONSUL-GENERAL QUINTELLA. WE OFFER YOU THIS PLAQUE
21 AS A TOKEN OF OUR FRIENDSHIP WITH YOUR COUNTRY AND WE LOOK
22 FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU AS YOU ARE POSTED HERE.
23 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IF YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE A FEW WORDS,
2 PLEASE.

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4 **THE HONORABLE THEREZA MARIA MACHADO QUINTELLA:** I THANK YOU,
5 MISS GLORIA MOLINA, AND TO YOU, ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF
6 SUPERVISORS FOR THIS WARM AND GRACIOUS WELCOME. I ARRIVED IN
7 LOS ANGELES ON THE 1ST MARCH OF THIS YEAR. IT WAS MY FIRST
8 VISIT TO CALIFORNIA AND I AM MOST THANKFUL TO MY GOVERNOR FOR
9 THE OPPORTUNITY THAT HAS BEEN OFFERED TO ME TO NOT FINISH MY
10 CAREER WITHOUT HAVING THIS WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE OF BEING
11 POSTED TO THE UNITED STATES, THIS POWERFUL COUNTRY AND, AT THE
12 SAME TIME, TO BE POSTED IN CALIFORNIA THAT HAS A CULTURAL AND
13 A EDUCATIONAL COMPOSITION THAT'S QUITE SIMILAR TO OUR OWN IN
14 BRAZIL. I AM FROM RIO DE JANEIRO, SO I FEEL MOST AT HOME HERE
15 IN CALIFORNIA AND I HAVE BEEN HAPPY TO MEET MANY PEOPLE
16 INTERESTED IN HELPING ME IN MY WORK, TO COOPERATE WITH ME ON
17 DEVELOPING TRADE, CULTURAL LINKS AND TO ASSIST-- HELP ME IN
18 ASSIST THE BRAZILIAN COMMUNITY IN LOS ANGELES. I HAVE THE
19 KNOWLEDGE NOW THAT, IF I FAIL ON MY NATION, IT WOULD NOT BE
20 FOR LACK OF COOPERATION, IT WOULD BE MY OWN FAULT BUT I
21 PROMISE PEOPLE THAT I WILL DO MY BEST. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

24



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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IF I COULD ASK THE OTHER MEMBERS TO JOIN
2 ME FOR A PHOTOGRAPH. THIS IS SUPERVISOR BURKE.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** HOW ARE YOU? WELCOME.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. THIS IS SUPERVISOR
7 KNABE. MR. YAROSLAVSKY? OKAY. THIS IS YOUR SUPERVISOR,
8 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IT'S A PLEASURE. I HAVE ANOTHER PLEASURE
11 THIS MORNING AND THAT IS TO INTRODUCE OUR 2005 EMPLOYEE OF THE
12 MONTH, WHO IS TERESA C. CARTER. TERESA HAS WORKED FOR THE
13 COUNTY NOW FOR 27 YEARS AND IS CURRENTLY EMPLOYED AS A
14 SECRETARY III WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. MISS
15 CARTER'S OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS INCLUDE VOLUNTARILY
16 WORKING WEEKS IN RESPONSE TO THE IMPENDING STATE MEDIC-CAL
17 AUDIT. SHE ORGANIZED, SHE UPDATED THE FILES AND FOLLOWED UP
18 WITH STAFF OF 60 TO UPDATE ALL THE LICENSES AND OTHER OF THE
19 REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION. THIS HARD WORK RESULTED IN A ZERO
20 DEFICIENCY SCORE WITH A SPECIAL NOTE FROM THE AUDITORS STATING
21 THAT THE FILES WERE THE BEST THEY HAD EVER SEEN.
22 CONGRATULATIONS, TERESA. [APPLAUSE]

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MISS CARTER HAS OBSERVED THE SMALL SPACE
25 AND THE OUTDATED EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE TO CONSUMERS IN THE



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1 HEALTH CENTER'S COMPUTER LAB AND SHE HAS JOINED IN EFFORTS TO
2 REHABILITATE THE AREA. IN A PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY SIX
3 MONTHS, SHE IDENTIFIED THE LOCATION, ORDERED NEW COMPUTERS,
4 ARRANGED FOR WIRING, BROUGHT NEW COMPUTER TABLES, USING HER
5 OWN RESOURCES IN THE IMPLEMENTED INSTALLATION OF THE NEW
6 COMPUTERS. MISS CARTER ALSO TOOK THE INITIATIVE TO MENTOR THE
7 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH CLIENTS UNTIL HE WAS ABLE TO JOIN
8 THE DEPARTMENT OF VOCATIONAL REHAB WORKING TRAINING PROGRAM
9 WHICH CULMINATED IN THE SUCCESSFUL EMPLOYMENT WITH PRIDE AND,
10 OF COURSE, INCREASED SELF-ESTEEM. THESE ARE UNBELIEVABLE
11 ACCOMPLISHMENTS THAT TERESA HAS CARRIED OUT WHILE DOING HER
12 JOB EVERY SINGLE DAY TO SERVE THE COUNTY RESIDENTS. WE
13 APPRECIATE ALL OF THE WORK THAT YOU DO, TERESA, AND IT'S MY
14 PLEASURE TO PRESENT YOU WITH A SCROLL RECOGNIZING YOU AS OUR
15 2005 EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU. [APPLAUSE
16]

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SAY A FEW WORDS. BEFORE YOU STEP UP, I'M
19 GOING TO HAVE MARV SAY A FEW WORDS FIRST. BEFORE WE ASK TERESA
20 TO SPEAK, I'M GOING TO ASK THE DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH, MARV
21 SOUTHARD, TO SAY A FEW WORDS.

22

23 **MARVIN J. SOUTHARD:** TERESA, I JUST WANT TO SAY HOW PROUD WE
24 ARE OF YOU AND YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS. OUR MISSION IN THE
25 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH IS TO ENRICH LIVES AND COMMUNITIES



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1 BY PROVIDING WORLD CLASS CARE AND IT'S A GOAL THAT WE OFTEN
2 STRIVE FOR BUT THAT SOMETIMES WE DON'T MEET. AND, IN THE
3 PERSON OF TERESA, I THINK WE HAVE SOMEBODY WHO REALLY HAS
4 ACHIEVED THAT GOAL, SHE'S ENRICHED HER COMMUNITY, AND SHE'S
5 ENRICHED THE LIVES OF OUR CLIENTS BY JUST DOING HER JOB IN AN
6 EXTRAORDINARY WAY. SO THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH.

7

8 **TERESA C. CARTER:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALSO WHAT COMES WITH IT IS A SPECIAL PIN
11 THAT IS DESIGNATED AND GIVEN TERESA AS A SPECIAL RECOGNITION
12 OF HER OUTSTANDING WORK, SO I'M GOING TO PIN IT ON HER, THEN
13 WE'RE GOING TO ASK HER TO SHARE A FEW WORDS WITH US.

14

15 **TERESA C. CARTER:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. I WANT TO START BY
16 SAYING THANK YOU TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THIS SPECIAL
17 AWARD. I AM TRULY GRATEFUL AND HONORED TO BE IN YOUR PRESENCE
18 TODAY. I WANT TO ALSO THANK DR. SOUTHARD FOR-- OKAY. I WANT TO
19 THANK DR. SOUTHARD FOR ATTENDING THIS CEREMONY. I AM JUST
20 OVERWHELMED WITH THIS EXPERIENCE. MR. ALLEN AND DR. GONBERG, I
21 DON'T KNOW IF THEY'RE HERE TODAY, BUT I WANT TO SAY A SPECIAL
22 THANKS TO THEM. MR. LAWSON IS OUR PROGRAM HAND, AND HE
23 PROVIDED THE NOMINATION FOR ME FOR THIS AWARD. HE HAS BEEN MY
24 MENTOR FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS. I TRULY APPRECIATE THE FACT
25 THAT HE BELIEVES IN AN OPEN DOOR POLICY AND HE'S VERY, VERY



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1 PATIENT. I WANT MR. LAWSON TO KNOW THAT I'M STILL A WORK IN
2 PROGRESS AND I NEED HIS GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT. SPECIAL THANKS
3 TO JOYCE STANFIELD, LONG BEACH G.I. STAFF, ALL THE MEMBERS OF
4 THE LONG BEACH MENTAL HEALTH CENTER AND I JUST WANT EVERYONE
5 TO KNOW THAT I AM A VERY PROUD TEAM MEMBER OF SERVICE AREA 8
6 AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS, TERESA. [APPLAUSE]

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. NEXT, I'M JUST GOING TO
11 CALL ON SUPERVISOR BURKE FOR HER PRESENTATIONS.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'D LIKE TO CALL UP THE LOS
14 ANGELES HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC DECATHLON TEAM AND THE COACH, AND
15 ALSO WE HAVE THREE L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT HIGH ACHIEVERS
16 THAT WE'LL BE RECOGNIZING AND RIORDAN SCHOLARS. TO EVEN TAKE
17 PART IN SCHOLASTIC COMPETITION SUCH AS THE COUNTY OF LOS
18 ANGELES DECATHLON AND THE CALIFORNIA STATE SUPER QUIZ IS A
19 SPECIAL EXPERIENCE FOR A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT. TO ACTUALLY BE
20 ON A WINNING TEAM IS VERY SPECIAL INDEED. IT'S ALSO A HIGH
21 ACCOMPLISHMENT TO BE NAMED A LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL
22 DISTRICT HIGH ACHIEVER. WE HAVE STUDENTS FROM THREE HIGH
23 SCHOOLS IN THE SECOND DISTRICT WHO WE'RE VERY PROUD THAT WE'LL
24 RECOGNIZE AS HIGH ACHIEVERS. BUT, FIRST, I'D LIKE TO PRESENT
25 THIS SCROLL TO LOS ANGELES HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF



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1 ITS ACADEMIC DECATHLON TEAM IN WINNING FIRST PLACE IN THE
2 CALIFORNIA STATE SUPER QUIZ. AND I'D LIKE TO ASK THE-- WHO IS
3 GOING TO ACCEPT THIS FOR THE SCHOOL? YOUR COACH. OH, WE HAVE A
4 SPECIAL ONE FOR YOU. ARE YOU GOING TO ACCEPT-- WE'RE GOING TO
5 GIVE THIS ONE TO THE PRINCIPAL. ROBERT MARTINEZ IS ACCEPTING
6 IT FOR-- I KNOW HE'S VERY PROUD OF THESE STUDENTS AND WE'RE
7 ALL PROUD OF THEM AND IT'S REALLY A GREAT HONOR TO SEE THEM
8 WIN THIS WHOLE THING, THIS STATE PRIZE. CONGRATULATIONS TO
9 YOU. [APPLAUSE]

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** AND YOU CAN'T DO THIS WITHOUT THE COACH. JIM
12 PATTON, CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU. I KNOW YOU WORKED HARD AND YOU
13 SHOULD BE VERY PROUD OF THESE STUDENTS. CONGRATULATIONS. [
14 APPLAUSE]

15

16 **JIM PATTON:** I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR BURKE FOR KEEPING TRACK
17 OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN HER DISTRICT. THERE'S SO MUCH
18 NEGATIVITY THAT'S ON THE NEWS ALL THE TIME ABOUT PUBLIC
19 SCHOOLS. IT'S NICE TO KNOW THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS
20 KEEPING TRACK OF SOME OF THE GOOD THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING
21 AND ACKNOWLEDGING THEM. SO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BURKE.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** YOU JUST STOLE THE WORDS RIGHT OUT OF MY MOUTH.
24 ACTUALLY, I WANTED TO SAY THE SAME THING. I WANT TO THANK THE
25 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BECAUSE THERE IS A LOT OF NEGATIVITY



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1 GOING ON IN THE PRESS AND WE KNOW THAT SOME OF OUR COMMUNITIES
2 ARE RACIALLY DIVIDED BUT WE WANT TO LET EVERYBODY KNOW THAT
3 NOT ONLY LOS ANGELES HIGH SCHOOL, BUT THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED
4 SCHOOL DISTRICT IS DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO MAKE SURE THAT
5 WE'RE MOVING FORWARD AND THESE ARE DEFINITELY OUR BRIGHT SPOTS
6 AND WE WELCOME OUR SUPERVISORS TO COME ONTO OUR CAMPUSES AND
7 TO VISIT WITH US, BECAUSE WE REALLY NEED YOU THERE. WE NEED
8 YOU TO SEE WHAT IS HAPPENING AND THAT THESE ARE THE
9 CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS OF SOCIETY THAT YOU WILL BE DEALING WITH
10 LATER ON. ACTUALLY, WITHIN THE NEXT YEAR, OKAY, SO THEY'LL BE
11 VOTING NEXT YEAR, HOPEFULLY.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE THEM
14 AND ASK THEM TO COME FORWARD. JANE TOOTHY ZEE, A TWELFTH
15 GRADER WHOSE HOBBIES INCLUDE BACKYARD ASTRONOMY, AVIATION AND
16 SWIMMING. [APPLAUSE]

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** TASHAN KHAN, AN 11TH GRADER WHOSE HOBBIES INCLUDE
19 VIDEO GAMES, HISTORY AND ASTRONOMY. [APPLAUSE]

20

21 **SUP. BURKE:** KUSAMMA LAKUNOUT AND HE'S GOING TO TELL ME IF
22 THAT'S RIGHT, A TWELFTH GRADER WHOSE HOBBIES INCLUDE COLORING-
23 - A YOUNG LADY WHOSE HOBBIES INCLUDE COLORING, IMAGINING,
24 STARING AND MAKING ONE PLUS ONE SOMEHOW ADD UP TO FOUR.



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1 CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU. TELL ME HOW DO YOU PRONOUNCE YOUR
2 NAME? KUSAMMA LAKUNOUT. OKAY. [APPLAUSE]

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** SOFARI OLM, 12TH GRADER WHOSE HOBBIES INCLUDE
5 MOVIES, DRAWING, ANATOMY, ICE SKATING AND WATCHING C.S.I. ON
6 TELEVISION. OKAY. [APPLAUSE]

7

8 **SUP. BURKE:** ORCHID PAPARISTO, AN ELEVENTH GRADER WHO ENJOYS
9 MOVIES, ACTING, HANGING OUT WITH FRIENDS AND LISTENING TO
10 MOVIES. [APPLAUSE]

11

12 **SUP. BURKE:** KIMBERLY RAMIREZ, A TWELFTH GRADER WHO ENJOYS
13 SHOPPING, HANGING OUT WITH FRIENDS, LISTENING TO MUSIC, DATING
14 BOYS WHEN SHE'S NOT STUDYING FOR THE ACADEMIC DECATHLON. [
15 APPLAUSE]

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** ALPHONSO REFAZO, A TWELFTH GRADER WHOSE HOBBIES
18 INCLUDE CINEMA, SWIMMING AND ENJOYING SPRING BREAK. [APPLAUSE
19]

20

21 **SUP. BURKE:** GANG TAN, AN ELEVENTH GRADER WHOSE HOBBIES INCLUDE
22 PHYSICS, PLYING POKER AND LISTENING TO CLASSICAL MUSIC. [
23 APPLAUSE]

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE:** DORIS RONKA, A TWELFTH GRADER WHOSE HOBBIES
2 INCLUDE ACTING, WRITING, DAYDREAMING, AND JABBERING ABOUT
3 NONSENSE. OKAY. [APPLAUSE]

4

5 **SUP. BURKE:** AND NOW WE'D LIKE TO GIVE SOME RECOGNITION TO THE
6 HIGH ACHIEVERS. DAVID SMART, A TWELFTH GRADER AT CRENSHAW HIGH
7 SCHOOL GOING ON TO PRINCETON, STUDYING POLITICS, WOULD LIKE TO
8 BECOME A LAWYER. [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE!]

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** KRISTEN STRONG, CRENSHAW HIGH SCHOOL
11 VALEDICTORIAN, 4.4 G.P.A. AND HE IS A-- 4.4, WHO'S PLANNING TO
12 ATTEND M.I.T., WANTS TO BECOME A PSYCHIATRIST. AMONG OTHER
13 SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, HE'S BEEN FIRST AND SECOND TENOR WITH THE
14 CRENSHAW ELITE CHOIR AND WAS A SELECTED INTERNATIONAL TOURIST.
15 [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE!]

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY. HE'S NOT GOING TO HE'S NOT GOING TO
18 M.I.T. HE'S GOING TO HARVARD, FOLKS. ALL YOU M.I.T. FOLKS... [
19 CHEERS AND APPLAUSE!]

20

21 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. I'M SO EXCITED AND HAPPY TO BE HERE.
22 THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH FOR THIS WONDERFUL HONOR. SUCH A
23 GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE SOME OF THE HIGH POINTS FROM
24 CRENSHAW HIGH SCHOOL. WE HAVE SOME WONDERFUL STUDENTS IN OUR
25 PROGRAMS AND THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THIS WONDERFUL HONOR.



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. NOW, THERE ARE SOME
3 STUDENTS WHO DIDN'T MAKE IT BUT IF THEY COME IN LATER, WE'LL
4 RECOGNIZE THEM. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. CONGRATULATIONS.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH? [APPLAUSE]

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, DO YOU HAVE SOME
9 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS? WE HAVE SOMEONE THAT HAS TO LEAVE?

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT WE HAVE IS THE WONDERFUL JUNIOR
12 PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA HERE, WHO WE ARE HONORING TODAY. DR.
13 KATZ, WHO IS THE CREATOR, THE FOUNDER OF THAT GREAT BODY IS
14 HERE, BUT THE CONCERT MASTER, GARY GREEN, WANTS TO PERFORM--
15 DIRECT THIS YOUNG GROUP RIGHT NOW AS THE MEMBERS OF THE JUNIOR
16 PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA.

17

18 **DR. ERNEST KATZ:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISOR
19 ANTONOVICH, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, LADIES AND
20 GENTLEMEN, MEMBERS OF THE JUNIOR PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA OF
21 CALIFORNIA. [INSTRUMENTAL] [APPLAUSE]

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE JUNIOR PHILHARMONIC WAS CREATED BY ITS
24 GREAT FOUNDER, WHO IS NOW 94 YEARS YOUNG, DR. KATZ. HE'S
25 DEDICATED HIS WHOLE LIFE TO THIS WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY OF



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1 HAVING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE PROVIDE THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO
2 LEARN HOW TO ENJOY THE ARTS AND PERFORM. THIS PAST MONTH, THEY
3 PERFORMED AT THE DOROTHY CHANDLER PAVILION, ONCE AGAIN. HE HAS
4 SERVED DR. KATZ AS A CONDUCTOR OF THE JUNIOR PHILHARMONIC FOR
5 68 YEARS. BACK IN 1937, HE BEGAN CHANGING THE LIVES OF YOUNG
6 PEOPLE THROUGH CLASSICAL MUSIC WHEN HE FOUNDED THE SYMPHONY
7 ORCHESTRA TO GIVE YOUTH A CHANCE TO BE HEARD. WITHOUT
8 ACCEPTING GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES, THIS IS ALL DONE THROUGH
9 PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS, SOLICITING CONTRIBUTIONS, NO
10 SOLICITATION OR CHARGING OF ADMISSION OR ADDITION FEES, DR.
11 KATZ HAS KEPT THE ORGANIZATION RUNNING FOR MORE THAN TWO-
12 THIRDS OF A CENTURY, AN UNPRECEDENTED FEAT, ALL FROM THE
13 PRIVATE SECTOR. HE WAS SELECTED BY THE POINTS OF LIGHT
14 FOUNDATION TO RECEIVE OUR NATION'S HIGHEST HONOR FOR
15 VOLUNTEERISM, THE PRESIDENT'S COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER AWARD WHICH
16 HE RECEIVED FROM PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH IN A CEREMONY IN
17 DECEMBER OF 2002. HE'S JOINED TODAY BY HIS NEPHEW, THE GREAT
18 VIOLINIST CONCERT MASTER AND HONEST ATTORNEY IN LOS ANGELES
19 COUNTY, LORRY GORDON, WHO IS THE HARPIST AND GALA COORDINATOR
20 AND DEBORAH GREEN, VIOLINIST AND ASSISTANT PRODUCER FOR
21 PERFORMANCES. AND SO WE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE DR. KATZ
22 RECOGNITION ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, THIS
23 PLAQUE FOR HIS 68 YEARS OF PERFORMANCE. WE HAVE SIX MORE YEARS
24 TO GO FOR THAT BIG 100 AND WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO THAT. [
25 APPLAUSE]



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2 **DR. ERNEST KATZ:** THANK YOU ALL VERY, VERY, VERY MUCH,
3 ESPECIALLY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I REMEMBER, IN 1937, WHEN
4 I FOUNDED THE JUNIOR PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA, IT WAS A UNIQUE
5 EXPERIENCE BECAUSE ALL FIVE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF
6 SUPERVISORS WERE WITH ME AND, EVEN THOUGH EVERYBODY SAID IT
7 WOULDN'T LAST, I'M HERE TO TELL YOU, AT MY 91ST BIRTHDAY, THAT
8 IT HAS LASTED AND IT'S FLOURISHED AND IT'S KNOWN ALL OVER THE
9 WORLD. IT HAS BROUGHT TRIUMPH AND BEAUTY TO OUR CITY OF LOS
10 ANGELES. I WAS-- I HAD THE CHANCE TO LIVE IN ANY CITY IN THE
11 WORLD, AND THEY OFFERED ME A PLACE IN BRAZIL, THEY OFFERED ME
12 A PLACE IN MEXICO, THEY OFFERED ME ALL OVER THE WORLD AND I
13 SAID THERE'S ONLY ONE PLACE THAT I WILL LIVE AND THAT'S IN
14 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND IN MY FAVORITE CITY OF ALL, LOS
15 ANGELES. [APPLAUSE]

16

17 **DR. ERNEST KATZ:** I INVITE ALL OF YOU SOME DAY TO COME AND
18 VISIT ME IN OUR HEADQUARTERS, WHICH IS 157 SOUTH FAIRFAX
19 AVENUE IN LOS ANGELES AND TO SEE THE THOUSANDS OF AWARDS THAT
20 HAVE BEEN PRESENTED NOT ONLY TO ME, BUT TO THE ORCHESTRA AND
21 TO MEMBERS OF THE ORCHESTRA. IT'S A FASCINATING, FASCINATING
22 BIT OF HISTORY BECAUSE IT REALLY DATES BACK WHEN THIS WAS DIRT
23 UNDER THIS BUILDING. I WAS HERE ON THE DAY THAT WE LAID THE
24 GROUNDWORK FOR THIS BUILDING AND I REMEMBER VERY CAREFULLY ALL
25 THE THINGS THAT WERE SAID AND ALL THE FIVE MEMBERS OF THE



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1 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT HELPED MAKE THIS GORGEOUS, GORGEOUS
2 BUILDING A REAL THING IN LIFE. I THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ALL
3 THE THINGS THAT WERE SAID ABOUT ME AND ABOUT THE ORCHESTRA AND
4 IF I WAS A MAN TO CRY, I WOULD CRY BUT I HAVE BEEN CAREFUL NOT
5 TO CRY IN ALL OF MY 91 YEARS AND SO I'M HERE TO LAUGH AND TO
6 SMILE AND TO SAY THANK YOU AND THANK GOD. [APPLAUSE]

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU OUTLASTED THE SUPERVISORS! [APPLAUSE
9 CONTINUES]

10

11 **DR. ERNEST KATZ:** THANK YOU VERY, VERY, VERY MUCH. I APPRECIATE
12 THIS VERY, VERY MUCH.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I SAID HE OUTLASTED THE FIVE SUPERVISORS. [
17 LIGHT LAUGHTER]

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** SHOULD I CONTINUE?

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NO. SUPERVISOR KNABE IS NOW GOING TO MAKE
22 THE PRESENTATIONS ON THE ACADEMIC...

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DID YOU SKIP ME?

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** NO.

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3 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THEY MIXED THEM UP.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** IT'LL COME AROUND. EVERYONE'S GOT SOMETHING HERE.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JUST CAN'T WAIT.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** YOU KNOW, JUST WHEN THIS BUILDING WAS DIRT, I
10 MEAN. SO, ANYWAY, THE 2005 LOS ANGELES COUNTY ACADEMIC
11 DECATHLON WAS ORGANIZED BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF
12 EDUCATION AND IS ONE OF THE LARGEST COMPETITIONS IN THE NATION
13 AS WELL AS THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. EACH YEAR, HUNDREDS OF
14 STUDENTS COMPETE, WHICH GOES TO SHOW WHAT AN HONOR IT IS TO
15 MAKE THE TOP 10 SCHOOL TEAMS. IT IS MY PLEASURE TO BE ABLE TO
16 KICK OFF OUR PRESENTATION TODAY, WHICH INCLUDES HIGH SCHOOLS,
17 THE TOP 10 HIGH SCHOOLS FROM ALL OF OUR DISTRICTS AS WELL AS
18 THE HIGH ACHIEVERS FROM THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL
19 DISTRICT, WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED. JOINING ME TODAY ARE
20 DR. DARLENE ROBLES, OUR SUPERINTENDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES
21 COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION, AND ANGIE PAPADAKOS, WHO HAPPENS
22 TO BE MY APPOINTEE BUT, MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE PRESIDENT OF THE
23 BOARD OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION. SO, FIRST
24 OF ALL, I'M GOING TO PRESENT DR. ROBLES AND ANGIE WITH THIS



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1 SCROLL ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE BOARD. THEN I'M GOING TO ASK
2 THEM BOTH TO SAY A COUPLE OF WORDS ABOUT THE PROGRAM.

3

4 **DR. ROBLES:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND SUPERVISORS, FOR
5 THIS WONDERFUL HONOR. WHAT I LOVE ABOUT THE ACADEMIC DECATHLON
6 IS THAT IT REALLY TELLS US WHAT'S RIGHT WITH PUBLIC EDUCATION.
7 AND THE STUDENTS THAT YOU'LL SEE TODAY ARE JUST AN EXAMPLE OF
8 WHAT'S BEST IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUT, MORE IMPORTANT, IT
9 REALLY DEMONSTRATES THE COMMITMENT OF OUR YOUTH, OUR
10 ADMINISTRATORS AND OUR TEACHERS TO REALLY INSPIRE THE STUDENTS
11 TO BE THEIR BEST. OUR COUNTY OFFICE IS THRILLED TO BE THE
12 LARGEST SPONSOR OF THE ACADEMIC DECATHLON AND I WANT TO THANK
13 YOU FOR THIS TERRIFIC HONOR. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, DR. ROBLES. ANGIE?

16

17 **ANGIE PAPADAKOS:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE. I REALLY AM
18 HONORED TO BE HERE TODAY. ON BEHALF OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
19 BOARD OF EDUCATION, I REALLY AM PROUD OF THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF
20 THESE STUDENTS THAT HAVE BROUGHT SUCH GLORY AND SUCH HONOR TO
21 NOT-- NOT JUST TO THEIR SCHOOLS AND THEIR FAMILIES BUT TO
22 EVERYONE. AND THEY DIDN'T DO IT ALONE. THEY HAD A LOT OF HELP.
23 THEIR COACHES-- YOU SEE, THEIR COACHES ARE IMPORTANT. IF YOU
24 DON'T BELIEVE HOW IMPORTANT COACHES ARE, I'LL GIVE YOU TWO
25 WORDS: PETE, CAROL. THAT'S HOW IMPORTANT COACHES ARE.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WISH YOU HADN'T SAID THAT.

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4 **ANGIE PAPADAKOS:** NO, I REALLY AM HAPPY TO BE HERE. WE HAVE
5 BEEN-- LOS ANGELES, FOR 23 YEARS, HAS CONDUCTED THE ACADEMIC
6 DECATHLON, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND HAS BEEN HOLDING THESE
7 ACADEMIC ENDEAVORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS FOR ALL THIS TIME,
8 BRINGING TOGETHER OUTSTANDING TEAMS FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTY.
9 IT WAS NOT JUST A SMALL EFFORT. THEY GAVE A LOT OF TIME, A LOT
10 OF EFFORT, A LOT OF TRAINING, A LOT OF DETERMINATION. YOU
11 DON'T DO THESE THINGS LIKE THAT. (SNAPPING FINGERS). IT TAKES
12 A-- THESE ARE TRUE DECATHLETES, THESE ARE KIDS THAT HAD A
13 SINGLE PURPOSE AND THEY BROUGHT HOME TROPHIES, THEY BROUGHT
14 HOME MEDALS BUT, MORE THAN MEDALS, THEY BROUGHT HOME A PRIDE
15 AND A DETERMINATION AND A GROWTH THAT-- IT IS REALLY
16 REMARKABLE. THEY DIDN'T DO IT ALONE, IT WAS A TEAM EFFORT, BUT
17 WHAT A TEAM. I CONGRATULATE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THEM AND
18 THEIR COACHES AND THEIR SCHOOLS AND THEIR PRINCIPALS AND
19 SUPERVISOR KNABE, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HAVING US HERE.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, ANGIE. ALL RIGHT. [APPLAUSE
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23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** NOW-- FIRST, I'D LIKE TO CALL UP DR. STEVEN FISH,
25 WHO IS THE SUPERINTENDENT OF TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT,



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1 DR. TIMOTHY STOW, WHO IS THE PRINCIPAL OF WEST TORRANCE HIGH
2 SCHOOL AND WEST TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC DECATHLON COACH,
3 SHELLEY THOMPSON, AND TEAM MEMBERS, ERIC CHUNG AND NICOLE
4 DAMI. THE TEAM MEMBERS RECEIVED THEIR CERTIFICATES AND WE'RE
5 GOING TO PRESENT THOSE RIGHT NOW. SO ERIC AND NICOLE, IF
6 YOU'LL COME FORWARD FIRST AND THEN WE'LL DO THE...

7

8 **SPEAKER:** I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY THAT THOSE OF YOU THAT DON'T
9 KNOW ABOUT THIS COMPETITION, THE STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATE IN
10 THIS ARE TRULY INSPIRING AND I ENCOURAGE YOU, WHEN IT COMES
11 AROUND NEXT YEAR, IF IT'S AT A LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL, THAT YOU GO
12 SEE WHAT GOES ON. THEIR DEDICATION TO ACADEMICS AND SUCCESS
13 IS, LIKE I SAID, TRULY INSPIRING AND I THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
14 KNABE, FOR RECOGNIZING THESE OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALS.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. I WOULD ADD THAT WEST TORRANCE TOOK
17 FIRST PLACE IN THE TOP 10 SCHOOLS SO CONGRATULATIONS AND I'M
18 GOING TO ASK DR. FISHER TO STAY AND NOW I'M GOING CALL UP
19 BARRY GROSS, WHO IS THE ACTING PRINCIPAL AT NORTH TORRANCE
20 HIGH SCHOOL, AND DILLON BARTH, THE ACADEMIC DECATHLON COACH,
21 AND TEAM MEMBERS, KYLE REAGANS AND TODD KUSHEGEMECEE. ALL
22 RIGHT. THEY TOOK THIRD PLACE. AND SO I'D LIKE TO PRESENT KYLE
23 AND TODD THEIR CERTIFICATES FIRST. NOW I'M GOING TO CALL UP
24 JOHN O'BRIAN, PRINCIPAL OF TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL AND SUSAN
25 GONZALEZ, WHO IS THE COACH AT TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL AND TEAM



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1 MEMBERS, RUBEN CHAMAGATHIS AND HEATHER MCILVAINE. WE'RE GOING
2 TO PRESENT THEM WITH THEIR INDIVIDUAL SCROLLS, AND THEN WE'LL
3 PRESENT THE HIGH SCHOOL. RUBEN AND HEATHER? NEXT, WE'D LIKE TO
4 PRESENT A CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT TO JOHN ROWLAND HIGH
5 SCHOOL AND WE HAVE TEAM MEMBERS DENNIS WU AND DORENE LU. IF
6 THEY'D COME FORWARD, PLEASE. AND ALSO WE HAVE MIKE WARD, WHO
7 IS THE VICE PRINCIPAL AND MITCHELL BRUNNER, THE ACADEMIC
8 COACH, AND WE'RE GOING TO PRESENT THEM WITH A SCROLL AS WELL,
9 TOO. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D LIKE TO ASK THE HONOREES FROM BEVERLY
12 HILLS HIGH SCHOOL TO JOIN ME HERE. HERE THEY COME. WHILE
13 THEY'RE COMING UP, JUST JOIN ME BEHIND-- BEHIND ME, BEVERLY
14 HILLS HIGH SCHOOL PLACED SECOND IN THE COUNTY COMPETITION.
15 MEMBERS OF THE TEAM, WHO I'LL INTRODUCE IN A MINUTE, DID AN
16 OUTSTANDING JOB. BEVERLY HILLS HIGH SCHOOL IS A LEGENDARY
17 ACADEMIC INSTITUTION IN OUR COUNTY. IT'S THE ALMA MATER OF MY
18 WIFE AND-- AMONG OTHER NOTABLES, SO WE HAVE A SOFT SPOT IN OUR
19 HEART FOR BEVERLY HIGH BUT WE'RE VERY PROUD OF THE-- NOT ONLY
20 THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE ACADEMIC DECATHLON TEAM BUT OF THE
21 OVERALL ACADEMIC PROGRAM AT BEVERLY HILLS HIGH SCHOOL. I HAD
22 THE OPPORTUNITY A FEW MONTHS AGO TO VISIT WITH THE ARTS
23 TEACHERS AND THE MADRIGAL SINGERS AND THE ORCHESTRA AND IT WAS
24 REALLY A GREAT WAY TO SPEND A COUPLE OF HOURS AND IT'S ALWAYS
25 A PRIVILEGE TO PARTNER WITH THE BEVERLY HILLS SCHOOL SYSTEM.



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1 BUT I WANT TO, TODAY, CONGRATULATE, FIRST OF ALL, THE COACH,
2 JOHN BORESOME, WHO IS THE ACADEMIC DECATHLON COACH. [APPLAUSE
3]

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THE TEAM MEMBERS. I HAD A LITTLE CHEAT
6 SHEET ON HOW TO PRONOUNCE YOUR NAME. I THINK IT'S-- IS IT
7 SINGH SINGH? SINGH SINGH WONG. [APPLAUSE]

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NEXT IS LISA MAU. [APPLAUSE]

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ANGELINE WONG. [APPLAUSE]

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NEXT IS TEAM MEMBER, MICHAEL MAU. [APPLAUSE
14]

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THIS IS NOT GOOD FOR MY EGO. I'M JUST ASKING
17 THEM WHERE THEY'RE ALL GOING TO COLLEGE. NEXT IS JONATHAN
18 LOVELL. [APPLAUSE]

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HAOUNG CHIANG. [APPLAUSE]

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** VIVIAN LEIGH. [APPLAUSE]

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THIS IS MY FAVORITE NAME, YANG YANG.
25 COME ON UP HERE. [APPLAUSE]



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE GOT A YALE, WE GOT A CAL TECH, WE GOT
3 M.I.T., COLUMBIA, WE GOT U.C. BERKELEY, U.C. RIVERSIDE,
4 WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS. IT'S PRETTY GOOD.
5 CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU, AND WE WISH YOU THE BEST OF
6 LUCK IN THE YEARS AHEAD IN YOUR ACADEMIC AND OTHER
7 ACHIEVEMENTS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO BEVERLY HILLS HIGH
8 SCHOOL. [APPLAUSE]

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THREE OF OUR HIGH
11 SCHOOLS IN OUR DISTRICT. MARK KEPPEL HIGH SCHOOL IN ALHAMBRA,
12 ALHAMBRA HIGH SCHOOL AND BURBANK HIGH SCHOOL, FOR THEIR
13 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS. FIRST, WE HAVE DR. GARY GONZALEZ AND
14 COACH TOM RILEY OF MARK KEPPEL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF
15 ALHAMBRA. [APPLAUSE]

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. ANTONOVICH, WHILE YOU'RE TAKING THAT
18 PICTURE, I FORGOT TO PRESENT THE SCHOOL WITH THEIR
19 PROCLAMATION AND I WANT TO ASK DAN STEPENOSKY, THE PRINCIPAL
20 OF BEVERLY HILLS HIGH SCHOOL, TO JOIN ME. THANKS FOR WHAT
21 YOU'RE DOING AND FOR THE GREAT SCHOOL YOU RUN AND THIS IS FOR
22 YOU AND FOR ALL OF YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS. BACK TO YOU, MR.
25 ANTONOVICH.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JENNIFER FONG FROM MARK KEPPEL HIGH SCHOOL.
3 GARRETT WELLENSTEIN. KENNETH YOUNG. MATTHEW WILLIAMS. HARRY
4 CHU. LISA WONG. HO-CHIN LI. SALVADOR AYALA. EDWIN SUN.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** DO YOU HAVE ACADEMIC-- THE ACADEMIC
7 PRESENTATIONS NOW?

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9 **SUP. BURKE:** I DID MINE.

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11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ACADEMIC ONES? DECATHLON.

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13 **SUP. BURKE:** I DID THEM. I DID MINE AFTER. I DID MY DECATHLON,
14 THEN I DID MY ACADEMIC ONES AT THE SAME TIME.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO YOU ONLY HAVE THE E.M.S. ONE NOW.
17 RIGHT?

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** YES. I DID MY DECATHLON FIRST.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** HE'S GOING TO GO THROUGH ALL OF HIS. WHICH
22 ONE ARE YOU DOING NOW?

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** DECATHLON.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I CAN'T TELL.

2

3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FROM BURBANK HIGH SCHOOL, WE HAVE THE COACH
4 VALERIE BAYDELMAN AND COACH VINCENT BELLANTE. KEVIN COE. DAVID
5 MARTINS ARMANDE. AMY GOLDSTEIN. NEIL KIM. SHEBA D'AYALA.
6 VAKRUM PANDERONE. ARI YAGNANAZAR. ERIC GONG.

7

8 **KEVIN COE:** IT'S AN HONOR TO-- AN HONOR AND A PLEASURE TO MEET
9 YOU ALL, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MR. ANTONOVICH. LET ME
10 BEGIN BY SAYING, ON BEHALF OF MY TEAM, THANK YOU FOR
11 SUPPORTING THE ACADEMIC DECATHLON, NOT JUST OUR TEAM, BUT ALL
12 THE TEAMS IN L.A. COUNTY. BECAUSE IT'S SO RARE TO-- WELL, FOR
13 GOVERNMENT AND MEDIA TO PUT A POSITIVE LIGHT ON THE
14 ACHIEVEMENTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND WE DEEPLY THANK YOU FOR ALL
15 OF THAT. WELL, MY WHOLE TEAM THANKS YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR
16 HEARTS, ALL OF YOU. WELL, AT BURBANK HIGH SCHOOL, EVERY YEAR,
17 BECAUSE WE'RE KNOWN AS THE ECCENTRICS, WHAT WE LIKE TO DO IS
18 WE LIKE TO WEAR SOMETHING THAT'S REPRESENTATIVE OF WHAT WE
19 STUDIED THIS YEAR. AND, IN THIS CASE, THIS YEAR, IT'S ANCIENT
20 HISTORY. AND, FROM WHAT MY COACH SAYS, YOU USED TO BE A SOCIAL
21 SCIENCE TEACHER. SO WE'D LIKE TO PRESENT YOU WITH A SPARTAN
22 HELMET, WHICH WE WORE TO COMPETITION THIS YEAR.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

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1 **SPEAKER:** YOU DON'T HAVE TO WEAR THAT.

2

3 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** COULD YOU STEP FORWARD?

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE ALHAMBRA HIGH
6 SCHOOL. AND WE HAVE RUSSELL LEE SONG AND COACH JENNY MALENEK.
7 JING NA LI. AMANDA BARREN. CONNIE NOM. ANGUS TONG. BONNIE
8 TONG. JULIANNA GONG. TAE WAE CHING. LEANN TAE. DAVID JONG. HIS
9 SCROLL WAS LOST, SO WE WILL FIND IT! [APPLAUSE]

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** DOES THAT CONCLUDE-- YES, MS. BURKE.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO CALL UP REPRESENTATIVES OF 9-1-1
14 PROVIDERS, CALIFORNIA FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION, EMERGENCY
15 MEDICAL SERVICE WEEK. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE WEEK, THE
16 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE COMMISSION, THE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION
17 OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY AMBULANCE
18 ASSOCIATION AND THE PRIVATE AMBULANCE PROVIDERS ASSOCIATION.
19 PLEASE COME FORWARD. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. THE PROVISION
20 OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE OR E.M.S., IS AN ESSENTIAL PUBLIC
21 SERVICE. THESE SERVICES HAVE TRADITIONALLY SERVED AS A SAFETY
22 NET FOR THE AMERICAN HEALTHCARE SYSTEM AND STUDIES SHOW THAT
23 ACCESS TO QUALITY PRE HOSPITAL AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT CARE
24 DRAMATICALLY IMPROVES THE SURVIVAL AND RECOVERY RATE OF THOSE
25 WHO EXPERIENCE SUDDEN ILLNESS OR INJURY. IN THE COUNTY OF LOS



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1 ANGELES, 21 PARAMEDIC-BASED HOSPITALS AND 54 RECEIVING
2 HOSPITALS OPEN THEIR DOORS TO PATIENTS WHO NEED IMMEDIATE
3 MEDICAL ATTENTION. EVERY DAY, 42 FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND 14
4 PRIVATE AMBULANCE COMPANIES DISPATCH THEIR PARAMEDIC UNITS
5 ONTO THE STREETS AND FREEWAYS, CITIES AND NEIGHBORHOODS IN
6 RESPONSE TO 9-1-1 REQUESTS FOR HELP. EACH OF THESE ENTITIES
7 HAS AN ESSENTIAL JOB TO PERFORM. I'M PLEASED TODAY TO MAKE
8 THESE PRESENTATIONS TO PARTICIPANTS IN THE COUNTY'S E.M.S.
9 SYSTEM. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND THIS IS THE
10 REASON WE CELEBRATE THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WEEK OF MAY 15TH
11 THROUGH THE 21ST AS NATIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK.
12 SO I'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THESE REPRESENTATIVES, ASK THEM TO
13 COME FORWARD. CAROL MEYER, WHO IS OUR DIRECTOR OF E.M.S.
14 AGENCY. [APPLAUSE]

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** WILLIAM KELLY, VICE PRESIDENT OF E.M.S.
17 COMMISSION. [APPLAUSE]

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** CHIEF RICHARD ELLIOTT, FIRE CHIEF, CITY OF WEST
20 COVINA AND WITH THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION. [
21 APPLAUSE]

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** ROBERT ARAGON, WHO IS THE PRESIDENT OF THE PRIVATE
24 AMBULANCE PROVIDERS ASSOCIATION. [APPLAUSE]

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE:** DAVID AUSTIN, PRESIDENT, L.A. COUNTY AMBULANCE
2 ASSOCIATION. [APPLAUSE]

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4 **SUP. BURKE:** MARK GAMBLE, REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT, HOSPITAL
5 ASSOCIATION, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. AND DENNIS LEE, ARCADIA
6 METHODIST HOSPITAL. [APPLAUSE]

7

8 **CAROL MEYER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR BURKE. I'M HONORED
9 TO ACCEPT THIS SCROLL ON BEHALF OF 180 COUNTY EMPLOYEES OF THE
10 E.M.S. AGENCY WHO ARE VERY TALENTED AND WORK VERY HARD TO
11 COORDINATE THIS SYSTEM. HOWEVER, WHEN I WAS ASKED TO ACCEPT
12 THIS SCROLL, I TOLD YOUR STAFF THAT I COULDN'T DO IT ALONE
13 BECAUSE I AM NOT THE E.M.S. SYSTEM. THE E.M.S. SYSTEM CONSISTS
14 OF ALL THOSE ENTITIES THAT YOU TALKED ABOUT: THE FIRE
15 DEPARTMENTS, THE AMBULANCE COMPANIES AND THE HOSPITALS. THE
16 FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND AMBULANCE COMPANIES RESPOND TO OVER A
17 HALF A MILLION 9-1-1 CALLS EVERY YEAR IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY
18 AND OUR HOSPITALS SEE OVER TWO MILLION PATIENTS IN THEIR
19 EMERGENCY ROOMS AND IT IS THE E.M.T.-1S, THE PARAMEDICS, THE
20 DOCTORS AND THE NURSES WHO REALLY ARE THE ANGELS AND THE
21 SAVIORS OF OUR E.M.S. SYSTEM AND SAVE LIVES EVERY DAY. SO IT'S
22 MY HONOR TO BE HERE ON BEHALF OF ALL OF THEM AND WITH THESE
23 PEOPLE. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

24



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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR KNABE, YOU HAVE AN
2 ADDITIONAL PRESENTATION? YOU HAVE AN ADDITIONAL PRESENTATION?

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** YES, I DO, I'M SORRY. SORRY, MADAM CHAIR. IT'S MY
5 PLEASURE TO INVITE MR. PAUL ALVA; OUR INTERIM DIRECTOR, DON
6 WOLFE OF PUBLIC WORKS; FRED RUBIN AND CARLOS RUIZ FROM THE
7 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO JOIN ME UP HERE. NATIONAL PUBLIC
8 WORKS WEEK GIVES US THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE THE
9 OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND THE OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE FROM
10 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. PAUL ALVA IS A CIVIL ENGINEER
11 IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS DIVISION, AN 11-YEAR COUNTY
12 EMPLOYEE WHO HAS BEEN NAMED THE DEPARTMENT'S 2005 EMPLOYEE OF
13 THE YEAR. PAUL EXEMPLIFIES THE DEDICATION OF PUBLIC WORKS
14 EMPLOYEES TO PROVIDE QUALITY SERVICES TO THE RESIDENTS OF LOS
15 ANGELES COUNTY. HE CONSISTENTLY STRIVES TO ENHANCE THE
16 DEPARTMENT'S PRODUCTIVITY AND SERVICE. HIS EXPERTISE AND
17 PROACTIVE EFFORTS IN SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ISSUES AFFECTING
18 COUNTY RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN A CONSIDERABLE BENEFIT NOT ONLY TO
19 THE DEPARTMENT BUT TO THE COUNTY RESIDENTS. HE SERVES AS HEAD
20 OF THE ENGINEERING SECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS, WHICH
21 ADMINISTERS THE LARGEST GOVERNMENT-RUN HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS AND
22 ELECTRONIC WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM IN OUR ENTIRE NATION. HE
23 ALSO TRACKS AND COORDINATES AND ANALYSES THE PROPOSED SOLID
24 WASTE LEGISLATION, PROVIDES MONTHLY PRESENTATION TO THE COUNTY
25 INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE. HE WAS VERY



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1 INSTRUMENTAL IN ADDRESSING THE ISSUES OF ILLEGAL DUMPING AND
2 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY BY DEVELOPING
3 AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITIES OF PALMDALE AND LANCASTER TO
4 DESIGN AND OPERATE A PERMANENT HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE
5 COLLECTION FACILITY IN THAT AREA. AND SO HE CONTINUES TO GO ON
6 AND ON AND SO WE, ONE, JUST WANT TO THANK PAUL FOR ALL HE DOES
7 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS BUT, MORE IMPORTANTLY, FOR
8 THE CITIZENS OF OUR COUNTY AND CONGRATULATE HIM ON BEING
9 HONORED AS THE 2005 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
10 PUBLIC WORKS. [APPLAUSE]

11

12 **DONALD WOLFE:** WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SAY IS IT'S A PLEASURE FOR
13 ME TO WORK WITH EMPLOYEES LIKE PAUL HERE. PAUL HAS BEEN A--
14 SHOWN LEADERSHIP IN THE AREA OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT, AN
15 AREA THAT'S CRITICAL, BOTH CURRENTLY AND FOR THE FUTURE OF LOS
16 ANGELES COUNTY AND I JUST WANT TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION,
17 PAUL, FOR THE GREAT WORK THAT YOU DO FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
18 PUBLIC WORKS AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND ALL THE CITIES
19 THAT DEPEND ON US FOR SOLID WASTE PLANNING. THANK YOU, PAUL. [
20 APPLAUSE]

21

22 **PAUL ALVA:** GOOD MORNING, DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.
23 I'M TRULY HUMBLed AND SPEECHLESS. THOSE THAT KNOW ME
24 PERSONALLY, I TEND TO RAMBLE ON AND TALK FOREVER BUT I FEEL
25 HONORED TODAY. IT'S TERRIFIC TO WORK WITH AN ORGANIZATION THAT



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1 YOU CAN SEE TANGIBLE RESULTS ON PEOPLE'S QUALITY OF LIFE, AN
2 ORGANIZATION THAT IS THE LARGEST PUBLIC WORKS AGENCY IN THE
3 COUNTRY, WHERE ON ONE HAND YOU CAN TALK ABOUT TRASH COLLECTION
4 ISSUES; ON THE OTHER HAND, YOU CAN TALK ABOUT ROAD
5 CONSTRUCTION ISSUES AND WATER QUALITY ISSUES. I AM TRULY
6 BLESSED TO WORK FOR THIS ORGANIZATION, AN ORGANIZATION THAT
7 RECRUITS THE BEST OF THE BEST FROM THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AND
8 TO BE HONORED BY MY PEERS AND BY MY ORGANIZATION. I AM TRULY
9 HUMBLER AND HONORED BY IT, SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE
10]

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12 **SUP. KNABE:** CONGRATULATIONS. CONGRATULATIONS.

13

14 **PAUL ALVA:** THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR?

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THAT CONCLUDES YOUR PRESENTATIONS?
19 SUPERVISOR...

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS MORNING WE WANT TO WELCOME THE
22 ROTARIANS-- IT'S A ROTARIAN STUDY GROUP CENTENNIAL EXCHANGE
23 TEAM FROM DISTRICT 4570 IN RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL. THIS
24 EXCHANGE TEAM IS VISITING OUR COUNTY FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF
25 INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING, GOOD WILL AND PEACE THROUGH A



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1 WORLD OF FELLOWSHIP, OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL INDIVIDUALS
2 UNITED IN THE IDEA OF SERVICE. 2005 IS THE CENTENNIAL YEAR OF
3 THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION, WHICH SPONSORS THE GROUP
4 STUDY EXCHANGE VOCATIONAL PROGRAM. THESE EXCHANGE TEAMS ARE OF
5 YOUNG PROFESSIONALS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 25 AND 40 BETWEEN THE
6 TWO ROTARY DISTRICTS. TODAY'S TEAM IS COMPOSED OF FIVE PROUD
7 AND DISTINGUISHED PROFESSIONALS AND IS BEING HOSTED BY
8 RALEIGHLA LINDSEY, OF ROTARY DISTRICT 5260, WHICH INCLUDES LA
9 CANADA, FLINTRIDGE, GLENDALE, BURBANK, EAGLE ROCK, AND THE SAN
10 FERNANDO, CRESCENTA AND ANTELOPE VALLEYS AND THE ROTARIANS
11 HAVE DONE A GREAT JOB. IN ONE OF THEIR GREAT PROJECTS OF JUST
12 A FEW YEARS, THEY WERE ABLE, THROUGH PRIVATE EFFORTS, RAISING
13 FUNDS ON THEIR OWN, TO ERADICATE THE EPIDEMIC OF POLIO
14 THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. IN FACT, EARLIER THIS MORNING THE "WALL
15 STREET JOURNAL" GAVE THEM A FEATURED EDITORIAL ON HOW THEIR
16 CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE DONE MORE IN ERADICATING POLIO THAN ANY
17 GOVERNMENT PROGRAM THAT HAS BEEN CREATED. SO NOW WE WANT TO
18 MAKE A FIRST PRESENTATION TO THE TEAM LEADER, LILIA TERESA
19 MOURA. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ANNA BEATRICE BARBOSA. [APPLAUSE]

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CARLA FELICIA ALMEDA. [APPLAUSE]

24
25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GUTENBERG FAYED. [APPLAUSE]



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LOUIS CARLOS ACEVEDO. [APPLAUSE]

3

4 **LILIA TERESA MOURA:** ON BEHALF OF THE TEAM, I WOULD WANT TO SAY
5 THANK YOU FOR RECEIVING THIS SCROLL, AND IT WAS A GREAT DAY
6 BECAUSE WE COULD SEE HOW YOU ENCOURAGE YOUR YOUTH, SO THIS IS
7 THE BASIS OF A COUNTRY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BATTING CLEAN-UP IS JIMMY, WHO IS A LITTLE
10 DOMESTIC SHORT HAIR, EIGHT-WEEK-OLD LITTLE BOY LOOKING FOR A
11 HOME. THOSE WHO ARE WATCHING ON TELEVISION CAN CALL (562) 728-
12 4644 FOR LITTLE JIMMY WITH OUR LITTLE FLOWERY COLLAR. [
13 MEOWING]

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES. DID YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING? JIMMY IS
16 LOOKING FOR A HOME. IF ANYBODY'D LIKE TO ADOPT JIMMY, HE'S GOT
17 A LOT OF COUSINS, AUNTS AND UNCLES THAT ARE LOOKING FOR HOMES
18 AS WELL AND EVERY ANIMAL THAT'S BEEN ON THIS PROGRAM HAS BEEN
19 ADOPTED. JIMMY WOULD LIKE TO FOLLOW IN THAT SUCCESS. [MEOWING
20]

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. I THINK THAT CONCLUDES ALL OF
23 OUR PRESENTATIONS. ALL RIGHT. LET'S BEGIN. SUPERVISOR BURKE
24 HAS MADE A REQUEST THAT WE HAVE A-- THAT WE CALL ITEM NUMBER
25 18 FIRST. DO WE HAVE A PRESENTATION ON THAT ITEM OR NOT?



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** YES, A DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IF I COULD HAVE THE DEPARTMENT COME UP FOR
5 THAT PRESENTATION, WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE:** C.A.O.'S OFFICE, WE NEED A PRESENTATION.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THERE WAS AN ERROR ON THE HOLDING OF ITEM
10 NUMBER 75, SO WE DON'T NEED TO HOLD THAT ITEM, SO IF I COULD
11 ASK MS. BURKE TO MOVE IT, SECONDED BY...

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL MOVE THAT.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** WHAT ITEM? WHAT WAS THAT?

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ITEM NUMBER 75 DOESN'T NEED TO BE HELD.
18 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. WITH NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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20 **SUP. BURKE:** I'M WAITING FOR THE REAL ESTATE PEOPLE TO...

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22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IF WE COULD HAVE THE DEPARTMENT, IF YOU
23 COULD PLEASE JOIN US, ITEM NUMBER 18. AND ALSO WHILE THEY'RE
24 COMING UP, ON ITEM NUMBER 43, I'D LIKE TO ASK FOR
25 RECONSIDERATION. THAT ITEM WAS SUPPOSED TO BE CONTINUED TO



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1 JUNE 7TH, SO IF I COULD HAVE RECONSIDERATION OF ITEM 43, MOVED
2 BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. IF
3 THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. SO, ITEM 43 HAS BEEN
4 RECONSIDERED. IT WILL BE ON OUR AGENDA AND CONTINUED TO JUNE
5 7TH. COULD WE GET THE DEPARTMENT? THEY CAN'T HEAR US BACK
6 THERE?

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8 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, APPARENTLY CHUCK WES WAS-- WELL, HERE'S ONE
9 PERSON FROM THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. I'LL START WITHOUT THE
10 DEPARTMENT AND THEN, WHEN THEY GET HERE, WE CAN BRING THEM.
11 APPARENTLY WE'RE WAITING FOR CHUCK WES.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, MS. BURKE, WHAT WE CAN DO IS
14 THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT WISH TO TESTIFY ON THIS ITEM.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** YES. WE CAN START-- ACTUALLY, I THINK IT WOULD BE
17 A GOOD IDEA TO HAVE SOMEONE FROM THE CITY. ACTUALLY, THIS IS A
18 BUILDING THAT IS A BUILDING THAT WE ARE ANTICIPATING TO LEASE
19 BUT IT IS LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND WE CAN GET
20 SOME INFORMATION BASICALLY FROM THE CITY BECAUSE THE
21 DEPARTMENT-- THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT IS PROVIDING SOME OF
22 THE LAND.

23

24 **DAVID ROBERTS:** CORRECT. MY NAME IS DAVID ROBERTS. I'M ECONOMIC
25 DEVELOPMENT DEPUTY FOR COUNCILMAN BERNARD PARKS, WHO IS ON



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1 RECORD IN SUPPORT OF THIS PROJECT. JUST TO GIVE YOU SOME
2 DETAILS ABOUT THE CITY PROCESSES, THIS HAS GONE TO THE
3 COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD. THE CITY OR THE C.R.A.
4 WILL BE SELLING SOME CITY PARKING LOTS TO THE DEVELOPER. THAT
5 LAND ASSEMBLAGE WILL ALLOW THEM TO GO FORWARD WITH THE FULL
6 ASSEMBLAGE OF THE THREE ACRES TO GO FORWARD WITH DEVELOPING
7 THE COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING THAT THE BOARD SO MOVES TO APPROVE
8 THE LEASE THIS MORNING. AGAIN, COUNCILMEMBER PARKS IS IN FULL
9 SUPPORT. THIS HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE C.R.A. BOARD AND, LAST
10 THURSDAY, IT WAS APPROVED BY THE FULL CITY COUNCIL.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. VERY GOOD. THANK YOU SO MUCH,
13 SIR. WHILE WE WAIT FOR THE DEPARTMENT, I'M GOING TO ASK PEOPLE
14 TO COME UP WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY. WE'RE GOING TO LIMIT
15 THE TESTIMONY TO TWO MINUTES.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** FOR EACH PERSON, RIGHT?

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19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY?

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21 **SUP. BURKE:** FOR EACH PERSON.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO IF WE WILL FIRST BEGIN WITH JAMES
24 HARRIS, FOLLOWED BY MISS-- MRS. NORRIS BYRD, IF THEY COULD
25 JOIN US. DAVID DUOGLEY. ARE THEY HERE? AND CHARLES GREEN.



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** AND THIS IS A BUILDING TO BE LOCATED AT 8300
3 THROUGH 8400 SOUTH VERMONT WITH PARKING FOR 908 VEHICLES AND
4 IT'S THE PROPOSED LEASE OF 30 YEARS TO THE COUNTY OF LOS
5 ANGELES TO BE OCCUPIED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL
6 SERVICES, CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, CHILD SUPPORT AND
7 MENTAL HEALTH.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MR. HARRIS?

10

11 **JAMES HARRIS:** YES. MY NAME IS JAMES HARRIS. I'M THE CHAIR OF
12 THE SOUTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL AND WE REPRESENT
13 APPROXIMATELY 31,000 RESIDENTS AND STAKEHOLDERS IN OUR
14 COMMUNITY AND OUR COMMUNITY IS IN A UPROAR ABOUT THIS
15 PARTICULAR PROJECT BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN-- THE RESIDENTS OF
16 THE COMMUNITY HAVE BEEN LEFT OUT OF THE PROCESS. THE LATINO
17 COMMUNITY WAS NOT BROUGHT IN UNTIL THE PROJECT WAS FINISHED,
18 THE PLANS WERE DEVELOPED AND THEY BROUGHT THEM IN SAYING THAT
19 THEY WERE GOING TO TAKE THEIR HOUSES FROM THEM. WHAT WE ARE
20 ASKING FOR IS A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS THAT'S FAIR TO THE
21 RESIDENTS OF THE COMMUNITY, NOT JUST TO SELECT GROUPS IN THE
22 COMMUNITY. WE HAD A DIFFERENT VISION, HOW YOU RESOLVE PROBLEMS
23 IS NOT BY GOING AROUND JUST GETTING PEOPLE THAT AGREE WITH YOU
24 AND MOVE FORWARD WITH THE IDEA AND WE OPPOSED THIS PROJECT ON
25 NO UNCERTAIN TERMS. IT WAS A BACK ROOM DEAL MADE ON THIS. THEY



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1 DID NOT CONFER WITH THE RESIDENTS. THEY HELD KANGAROO HEARINGS
2 WHERE YOU GO INTO THE ROOM AND YOU'RE TOLD, "THIS IS WHAT
3 YOU'RE GETTING." THIS IS NO FAIR PROCESS TO THE RESIDENTS
4 WHATSOEVER IN THE COMMUNITY AND I JUST WANT TO GO ON THE
5 RECORD SAYING WE OPPOSE THIS.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. NEXT WE HAVE MRS. NORRIS BYRD.
8 [APPLAUSE]

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME. THERE IS NO APPLAUSE. WE
11 APPRECIATE IT. WE UNDERSTAND YOUR POSITION BUT IF YOU COULD
12 NOT APPLAUD, WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT. MISS BYRD.

13

14 **NORRIS BYRD:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS NORRIS BYRD AND I'M A
15 MEMBER OF THE EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS AND I WAS ONE OF THE
16 VOLUNTEERS THAT HAVE WORKED SO DILIGENTLY WITH THAT PROJECT.
17 ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE ARE MISSING IS SOME OF THE PEOPLE
18 THAT ARE NOT HERE TODAY BECAUSE THEY ARE SO UPSET ABOUT WHAT
19 WILL HAPPEN TO THEM. QUESTIONS ARE BEING ASKED AND I HAVE NO
20 ANSWERS TO GO BACK AND TELL THEM. I SPOKE WITH THE FATHER OF
21 ST. MICHAEL'S THIS MORNING AND HE WAS VERY MUCH CONCERNED
22 ABOUT HOW WE'RE BEING ENFRANCHISED WITH THINGS COMING INTO THE
23 NEIGHBORHOOD AND WE HAVE NO SAY-SO. ONE OF THE THINGS I HAVE
24 FOUND OUT OVER THE YEARS, IF WE WANT SOMETHING BAD ENOUGH, WE
25 ALWAYS HAVE TO FIGHT FOR IT. WE JUST DON'T GIVE UP JUST



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1 BECAUSE IT'S JUST A FEW IN NUMBERS. WE CAN STILL FIGHT FOR
2 SOME OF THE THINGS WE NEED AND SOME OF THE THINGS WE WANT. I
3 FOUND OUT ON LAST EVENING THAT WE HAVE ANOTHER BUSINESS THAT'S
4 GOING TO BE LEAVING OUR NEIGHBORHOOD, WHICH IS RALPH MARKET.
5 WE WILL HAVE NO MARKETS FOR THESE OLDER SENIOR CITIZENS LIKE
6 MYSELF TO GO TO-- WHICH IS CLOSE BY OUR RESIDENTS. ONE OF THE
7 THINGS I HAVE FOUND OUT AFTER I HAVE STARTED GETTING OLDER IN
8 LIFE, I WANT THINGS CLOSER TO ME RATHER THAN GOING FAR AWAY,
9 BECAUSE THESE PEOPLES DON'T ALWAYS HAVE TRANSPORTATION. BUSES
10 IS THE ONLY TRANSPORTATION THAT THEY HAVE, AND THEY HAVE-- SO
11 MANY FAMILIES HAVE SMALL CHILDREN, AND THEY ARE LOOKING AT
12 WHERE WOULD WE GO, WHY DO WE HAVE TO GO ALL THE WAY ACROSS
13 TOWN TO DO CERTAIN THINGS FOR OUR COMMUNITY WHEN THINGS IS
14 RIGHT AT HAND? SO I HOPE YOU WILL RECONSIDER THIS MEASURE AND
15 THINK ABOUT THOSE PEOPLES THAT ARE NOT HERE AND THOSE THAT
16 NEED TO BE HEARD OF. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DAVID DUOGLEY.

19

20 **DAVID DUOGLEY:** HI. MY NAME IS DAVID DOUGLEY AND I'M A
21 REPRESENTATIVE OF MY COMMUNITY. I LIVE ON 85TH STREET AND I'VE
22 BEEN LIVING THERE FOR 30 YEARS. I HAVE-- ON THIS PROJECT. I
23 DID NOT RECEIVE ANY NOTICE, EXCEPT FOR ONE MEETING AND THEN,
24 WHEN WE GOT TO THE MEETING, WE WAS NOT ABLE TO SPEAK OUR VIEWS
25 ON THE PROJECT, IT WAS JUST TOLD TO US THAT THE PROJECT IS



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1 GOING FORTH. I DO NOT NEED THIS IN OUR COMMUNITY, I FEEL THIS
2 IS NOT NEEDED. MOST WHAT I FEEL IS NEEDED IS JOBS, LONG-TERM
3 JOBS AND RESTAURANTS AND FACILITIES FOR SENIORS AND YOUTH. WE
4 DON'T NEED THIS IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE NEED RETAIL, THINGS THAT
5 WAS THERE BEFORE, WE NEED THEM BACK. AND I FEEL THAT WE WAS
6 LEFT OUT, THERE WAS NO NOTICES SENT, PERIOD, PRIOR TO ANY
7 OTHER MEETINGS THAT THEY SAY THERE WAS SEVEN MEETINGS PRIOR TO
8 THAT. THERE WAS NO NOTICES. I'VE BEEN LIVING IN THE SAME
9 HOUSEHOLD, I'M A REGISTERED VOTER IN THE COMMUNITY, WHICH I
10 VOTE RELIGIOUSLY AND I FEEL THAT WE NEED TO BE COUNTED AS A
11 COMMUNITY TO SPEAK OUT, BECAUSE NO ONE NOTIFIED US EXCEPT WHEN
12 IT WAS ALL DONE AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO
13 ME.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. NEXT WE HAVE ELIZABETH
16 MCCLELLAN, MARIA RANGEL, AND JULIAN ROGERS. MR. GREEN, YOU'RE
17 NEXT.

18

19 **CHARLES GREEN:** MY NAME IS CHARLES GREEN AND I'M A 30-YEAR
20 RESIDENT OF THE MANCHESTER VERMONT AREA. I WAS THERE DURING
21 THE HEYDAY WHEN ALL THE SHOPS AND EVERYTHING FLOURISHED THERE,
22 SO I'VE SEEN A LOT GOING ON. NOW, MY PROBLEM IS THAT WE WERE
23 NOT NOTIFIED ABOUT THE ONCOMING BUILDING UNTIL-- AT LEAST
24 MYSELF. I DIDN'T GET ANY NOTIFICATION UNTIL A WEEK BEFORE THEY
25 HAD THE MEETING IN WHICH I FOUND OUT THAT THE BUILDING WAS



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1 GOING UP, REGARDLESS OF WHAT WE FELT. NOW, WE HAVE A LARGE
2 CONTINGENCY OF HISPANIC PEOPLE IN THE AREA AND, BASED ON THE
3 NUMBER OF HISPANICS THAT ATTENDED THE MEETING, I FELT THAT
4 THEY WERE NOT NOTIFIED BECAUSE WE DIDN'T HAVE THEM THERE. IN
5 THE NOTIFICATIONS THAT I RECEIVED, BASICALLY EVERYTHING WAS
6 DONE IN ENGLISH, SO THEREFORE WE DIDN'T GAP THE COMMUNICATION
7 OR THE LANGUAGE BARRIER AND I THINK THE COMMUNITY NEEDS TO BE
8 HEARD BECAUSE WHAT GOES ON THERE IMPACTS EVERYBODY IN THERE,
9 IN THAT COMMUNITY AND I REALLY TRULY THINK THAT THEY NEED TO
10 BE HEARD.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE:** I WOULD LIKE TO BE VERY CLEAR THAT, OF THE 4,500
13 NOTICES WE SENT OUT FOR THE MEETING THAT WE HELD, THEY WERE
14 SENT OUT IN SPANISH AND IN ENGLISH.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. NEXT WE HAVE-- IS
17 ELIZABETH MCCLELLAN HERE? IS SHE HERE? ALL RIGHT. HOW ABOUT
18 MARIA RANGEL? NO? JULIAN ROGERS? HOW ABOUT MARIA ISABELLE
19 RUTLEDGE? NO? ELVIRA VAZQUEZ? HOW ABOUT-- MISS RUTLEDGE?
20 ELVIRA VAZQUEZ, IS SHE HERE? ALL RIGHT. IF YOU WOULD JOIN US,
21 PLEASE. MR. ROGERS, PLEASE PROCEED.

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23 **JULIAN ROGERS:** HI. MY NAME IS JULIAN ROGERS. I'M CHAIR OF THE
24 EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS SOUTHEAST AREA NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT
25 COUNCIL. IT'S A COMMUNITY OF ROUGHLY 87,000 MEMBERS. I'M HERE



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1 IN OPPOSITION TO THIS PROJECT. BY AND THE MOST PART, I'M IN
2 OPPOSITION TO THIS PROJECT BECAUSE OF THE OUTREACH THAT WAS
3 USED FOR THIS PROJECT. AS IT WAS STATED EARLIER, YES, THERE
4 HAVE BEEN SEVERAL MEETINGS FOR THIS PROJECT, APPROXIMATELY
5 SEVEN. HOWEVER, SELF-ADMITTEDLY BY C.R.A., THEY ONLY SENT OUT
6 400 MAILINGS PER MEETING AND THOSE MEMBERS WHO-- OF THE
7 COMMUNITY WHO RECEIVED THOSE MAILINGS WERE ONLY MEMBERS WHO
8 HAVE PREVIOUSLY ATTENDED C.R.A. MEETINGS. YES, WE DID GO TO
9 SUPERVISOR BURKE'S OFFICE, WE REQUESTED A MEETING, NOT ONLY TO
10 SPEAK ON-- SO THAT IKELE DEVELOPMENT COULD SPEAK ON THEIR
11 PURPOSES FOR THE PROJECT BUT ALSO SO THAT THERE CAN BE AN
12 OPPOSING VIEW. AND, YES, SUPERVISOR BURKE'S OFFICE DID SEND
13 OUT 400...

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** 4,500.

16

17 **JULIAN ROGERS:** ...NOTIFICATIONS. HOWEVER, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY
18 THAT WE ARE NOT PRIVY, IN OUR COMMUNITY, WE ARE NOT PRIVY TO--
19 MANY MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY FEEL DISENFRANCHISED. THEY FEEL
20 THAT THEIR VOICES WOULD NOT BE HEARD, ARE GOING TO BE CHOSEN
21 NOT TO BE HEARD BY THOSE WHO ARE IN POWER. SO BY AND THE MOST
22 PART, MEMBERS IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO RECEIVED THOSE
23 NOTIFICATIONS AT THE LAST HOUR CHOSE NOT TO COME TO THAT
24 MEETING AND I THINK WE SHOULD NOT ALLOW A GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO
25 MAY BE MORE AFFLUENT THAN MEMBERS WHO LIVE IN THE COMMUNITY TO



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1 DICTATE FOR THE COMMUNITY WHAT HAPPENS IN THE COMMUNITY. I
2 THINK WE MUST STRESS TO THE COMMUNITY THAT THEY DO HAVE A
3 VOICE AND THEY HAVE A RIGHT TO HAVE A SAY-SO IN WHAT IS IN
4 THEIR COMMUNITY. AND BY AND THE MOST PART, WITH THIS PROJECT,
5 YES, I DO AGREE THAT MANY THINGS WERE DONE THAT LEGALLY WERE
6 SUPPOSED TO BE DONE AND I'M JUST GOING TO BE A COUPLE MORE
7 MINUTES. HOWEVER, THE PROCESS WAS FLAWED AND WHAT I WOULD LIKE
8 TO DO, IF I MAY, I'D LIKE TO ASK THOSE IN THIS AUDIENCE WHO
9 ARE OPPOSING THE PROJECT WHO PERHAPS WILL NOT HAVE THE
10 OPPORTUNITY TO COME UP AND SPEAK, REGARDLESS OF THEIR
11 AFFILIATION, WOULD YOU PLEASE STAND?

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WOULD YOU PLEASE STAND, THOSE THAT ARE
14 OPPOSED TO THE PROJECT? VERY GOOD. THANK YOU, MR. ROGERS.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** MR. ROGERS, THERE WAS A MEETING WITH YOU, OCTOBER
17 6, '04, IN 2004, AND THEN A PRESENTATION TO YOUR GROUP ON
18 OCTOBER 26TH, 2004. RIGHT?

19

20 **JULIAN ROGERS:** TO MY GROUP, THE EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS SOUTHEAST
21 AREA NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL?

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** YES.

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1 **JULIAN ROGERS:** INCORRECT. A REPRESENTATIVE FROM IKELE
2 DEVELOPMENT DID COME TO THE MEETING. HOWEVER, HE ONLY HAD AN
3 OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE A BRIEF PRESENTATION DURING PUBLIC COMMENT
4 WHICH, AS YOU WELL KNOW, IS APPROXIMATELY TWO MINUTES.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU SO MUCH. CAN WE HAVE
7 MISS RUTLEDGE?

8

9 **MARIA ISABEL RUTLEDGE:** YES. GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU FOR GIVING
10 US THIS TIME. I WAS VERY DISAPPOINTED IN THE MEETING THAT WE
11 HAD THAT YVONNE BURKE HAD AT THE CRENSHAW CHRISTIAN CENTER. IT
12 SEEMS THAT THE ONLY PEOPLE THEY WERE WILLING TO LISTEN TO WAS
13 THE MEMBERS OF THE CRENSHAW CHRISTIAN CENTER. THE AUDIENCE WAS
14 GIVEN SOME CARDS TO PASS IN FOR QUESTIONS, AND THAT WAS THE
15 ONLY OPPORTUNITY TO SAY SOMETHING ABOUT THIS AND WE WERE
16 SEVERAL THERE. ABOUT TWO-THIRDS OF THE AUDITORIUM WAS OPPOSED
17 TO IT BUT THEY'RE, AT THIS POINT, GOING AROUND SAYING THAT 90%
18 WERE FOR THE PROJECT AND THAT IS NOT TRUE BECAUSE I WENT OUT
19 AND OUTREACHED TO THE COMMUNITY MYSELF AND I KNOW HOW MANY
20 PEOPLE WERE THERE AND OPPOSED TO IT. OUR COMMUNITY DOESN'T
21 EVEN HAVE A GROCERY-- A DECENT GROCERY STORE OR A PHARMACY AND
22 THIS BUILDING IS BEING SHOVED DOWN OUR THROATS AND WE DO NOT
23 APPRECIATE IT. WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO HAVE QUALITY LIFE. WE DO
24 NOT NEED ANOTHER COUNTY BUILDING IN OUR AREA. WE HAVE SEVERAL
25 ALREADY. WE'RE-- ...(CLEARING THROAT)... EXCUSE ME. I FEEL



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1 WE'RE BEING TARGETED. WE ALREADY HAVE BEEN LEFT OUT OF THE
2 LOOP SEVERAL TIMES. MONEY HAS BEEN ALLOWED TO OUR COMMUNITY
3 AND HAS GONE TO OTHER AREAS FOR REDEVELOPMENT AND OUR
4 COMMUNITY, IF ANY OF YOU GO DRIVE TO OUR COMMUNITY, YOU WILL
5 SEE HOW SAD OF A SITUATION IT IS AND WE DO NOT NEED ANOTHER
6 COUNTY BUILDING. PLEASE VOTE "NO" ON ITEM 18.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MISS RUTLEDGE. MISS VASQUEZ.

9

10 **ELVIRA VAZQUEZ:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ELVIRA VAZQUEZ, I'M A
11 RESIDENT OF SOUTH CENTRAL L.A., PARTICULARLY THE MANCHESTER
12 AND VERMONT AREA, WHERE YOU ARE PROPOSING TO BUILD THE LARGE,
13 FOUR-LEVEL COUNTY BUILDING. IT'S GOING TO TAKE PRIME RETAIL
14 SPACE THAT CAN AND COULD BE USED TO REVITALIZE OUR COMMUNITY
15 TO WHAT IT ONCE WAS. OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS A QUALITY PHARMACY,
16 GROCERY STORE, RETAIL STORES, CHILDCARE CENTERS THAT CAN
17 PROVIDE JOBS FOR OUR YOUTH, YOUNG ADULTS AND HARD WORKING
18 COLLEGE STUDENTS LIKE MYSELF. SUCH RETAIL WOULD ALSO GENERATE
19 TAX DOLLARS THAT ARE SO GREATLY NEEDED IN THIS AREA. I ASK ALL
20 OF YOU TO PLEASE HELP CHANGE THE NEGATIVE STEREOTYPE OF OUR
21 COMMUNITY AND GIVE LOS ANGELES A SUCCESS STORY TO BRAG ABOUT.
22 THERE ARE MANY IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT ARE WILLING TO DO
23 WHATEVER IT TAKES TO MAKE THIS DREAM OF OUR COMMUNITY A
24 REALITY. PLEASE RECONSIDER YOUR VIEW ON AGENDA NUMBER 18 AND
25 VOTE "NO."



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MISS VASQUEZ. NEXT WE HAVE
3 ANGELA EVANS, FOLLOWED BY BETTY PRICE AND FOLLOWED BY ROBERT
4 SAUSED0 AND RONALD COLE. IF THEY WOULD PLEASE JOIN US.

5

6 **ANGELA EVANS:** GOOD MORNING. I'D LIKE TO THANK THE COUNTY BOARD
7 OF SUPERVISORS FOR HEARING US. I'M HERE THIS MORNING WITH
8 ABOUT 150 OR SO OF CRENSHAW CHRISTIAN CENTER'S EMPLOYEES,
9 ALONG WITH OUR FOUNDER AND PASTOR AND C.E.O., DR. FREDERICK
10 PRICE. ALL OF YOU WAVE YOUR HANDS SO THEY KNOW WHO YOU ARE.
11 OKAY.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** ASK IF THEY'RE IN FAVOR OF THE PROJECT.

14

15 **ANGELA M. EVANS:** OH. DR. BETTY'S ASKING ME TO ASK THEM IF
16 YOU'RE IN FAVOR OF THE PROJECT, RAISE YOUR HAND. OKAY. I WANT
17 TO GET ALL MY REMARKS IN. SO I'M THE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF
18 OPERATING OFFICER OF CRENSHAW CHRISTIAN CENTER, WHICH WAS
19 FOUNDED BY MY FATHER SOME 30 YEARS AGO. I'M ALSO THE PRESIDENT
20 AND C.E.O. OF THE VERMONT VILLAGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
21 CORPORATION, WHICH WAS FOUNDED BY MY MOTHER, DR. BETTY, SOME
22 YEARS AGO. WE SHUT DOWN OUR OPERATION TODAY BECAUSE WE THOUGHT
23 THIS WAS THAT IMPORTANT AND BROUGHT THE MAJORITY OF OUR
24 EMPLOYEES, 150 OR SO, AS I SAID, HERE WITH US THIS MORNING. WE
25 ARE CONCERNED SO MUCH ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY THAT WE HAVE REACHED



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1 OUT IN A NUMBER OF WAYS TO THE COMMUNITIES. IT KIND OF HURTS
2 ME TO HEAR THE OTHERS SAY THAT THEY'VE NOT BEEN INVOLVED AND
3 THAT'S ALL I'VE KNOWN FOR ALL OF THE YEARS THAT WE'VE BEEN
4 THERE AND TRYING TO EFFECT A CHANGE IS THAT WE'RE INVOLVING
5 THE COMMUNITY AND THAT THEY SHOULD BE INVOLVED AND THAT WE
6 CAN'T JUST COME IN AND BULLDOZE OUR WAY AND HAVE WHAT WE WANT,
7 SO I HATE TO HEAR THAT. WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE QUALITY OF
8 LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND SO, AT THE DIRECTION OF MY PARENTS,
9 DOCTORS PRICE, WE ESTABLISHMENT THE CRENSHAW CHRISTIAN CENTER
10 COMMUNITY TASK FORCE, WHICH LOBBIES FOR STREET AND ROAD
11 IMPROVEMENTS, TRASH RECEPTACLES, STREETSCAPES. WE CALL PUBLIC
12 WORKS ABOUT THE CONSTANT DUMPING THAT TAKES PLACE IN OUR
13 COMMUNITY AND ON THE MAJOR THOROUGHFARE AND IN THE ALLEYS. WE
14 GET OUT IN THE STREETS, ME, MYSELF, MY MOTHER, OUR CHURCH
15 MEMBERS, SOME OF WHOM DON'T LIVE IN THE COMMUNITY AND THEIR
16 CHILDREN TO CLEAN UP THE STREETS IN THE COMMUNITY AND I WOULD
17 LIKE TO-- I WONDER WHERE THESE OTHER PEOPLE ARE WHEN THEY'RE
18 DOING THAT. WE HAVE A VESTED INTEREST IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE ARE
19 STAKEHOLDERS. MANY HAVE SAID, WELL, THEY DON'T LIVE IN THE
20 COMMUNITY, WHY ARE THEIR VOICES BEING HEARD? BECAUSE, AS FAR
21 AS I'M CONCERNED, WE DO LIVE IN THE COMMUNITY. MANY OF US ARE
22 IN THE COMMUNITY THERE AT CHURCH MORE THAN WE ARE AT HOME,
23 SOMETIMES SEVEN DAYS A WEEK. BY THE WAY, WHEN WE BOUGHT OUR
24 HOUSE, WE PAID \$26 MILLION FOR IT SOME 24 YEARS AGO SO, AS FAR
25 AS I'M CONCERNED, WE'RE 24-YEAR RESIDENTS OF THE COMMUNITY.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** DO YOU WANT TO SUMMARIZE?

3

4 **ANGELA M. EVANS:** YES, MA'AM. WE WANT THE GOSPEL TO BE PREACHED
5 THAT WE PREACH TO SPILL OVER INTO THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY.
6 THAT IS WHY I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THIS PROJECT. I
7 BELIEVE IT WILL BE THE CATALYST FOR THE MUCH-NEEDED
8 RENAISSANCE THAT OUR COMMUNITY DESERVES.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MISS EVANS. NEXT WE HAVE MISS
11 PRICE.

12

13 **BETTY R. PRICE:** OKAY. [SCATTERED APPLAUSE]

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** PLEASE, NO APPLAUSE. MISS PRICE.

16

17 **BETTY R. PRICE:** OKAY. I BELIEVE THAT THIS PROJECT IS THE BEST
18 THING THAT HAS HAPPENED TO THIS COMMUNITY IN-- SINCE THE RIOT.
19 EVEN BEFORE THE RIOT, IT'S THE BEST THING I THINK THAT WILL BE
20 FOR OUR COMMUNITY. WE HAVE A REAL VESTED INTEREST IN OUR
21 COMMUNITY. THAT'S WHY WE ARE THERE TO PROMOTE-- TO PROMOTE THE
22 COMMUNITY AND SO I BELIEVE THE VISION IS COMING TO PASS. I
23 BELIEVE GOD IS IN CONTROL OF WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH SOME PEOPLE
24 WILLING TO COME IN AND BRING THIS PROJECT INTO OUR COMMUNITY.
25 IT WILL BE THE BEGINNING OF THE RETAIL. WE'VE BEEN WAITING ALL



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1 THESE YEARS FOR RETAIL. WHERE HAS EVERYBODY BEEN? WE'VE BEEN
2 CRYING, PRAYING, ASKING SOMEBODY COME AND DO SOMETHING. NOW
3 OUR COMMUNITY-- SOMEONE COMES IN THAT WANTS TO DO SOMETHING
4 THAT WILL BRING JOBS, THAT WILL BRING BUSINESSES, THAT WILL
5 BRING PLACES TO EAT, SO I BELIEVE THAT THE PROJECT IS THE BEST
6 THING THAT'S HAPPENED, LIKE I SAY. THAT'S AN ANSWER TO MY
7 PRAYER AND I BELIEVE IT'S GOING TO COME TO PASS. I BELIEVE GOD
8 IS IN THIS SITUATION AND THAT THE PEOPLE HE'S LAID UPON THEIR
9 HEARTS TO COME AND BE A PARTAKER OF THIS, TO HAVE THIS PROJECT
10 PRESENTED, IT'S THE BEST THING THAT HAS HAPPENED. AND I
11 BELIEVE THE MARKETS OF THE BUSINESSES, OF THE RETAIL WILL COME
12 IN BUT WE DON'T HAVE ANYTHING NOW AND, TO ME, IT WAS LIKE
13 MUSIC TO MY EARS TO HEAR THE FACT THAT SOMEONE WAS WILLING TO
14 COME IN AND INVEST THAT TYPE OF MONEY INTO OUR COMMUNITY. SO I
15 BELIEVE IT'S BEEN-- MY SPIRIT HAS BEEN GRIEVED ALL THESE YEARS
16 TO STAY THERE AND SEE OUR COMMUNITY HAVE TO LIVE LIKE THAT.
17 I'M FIGHTING FOR THE PEOPLE. I DON'T THINK OUR PEOPLE HAVE TO
18 LIVE LIKE THAT. WE PUT OUR BIG HOUSE THERE, THE CHURCH THERE
19 TO HELP PEOPLE. THAT'S ALL WE'RE INTERESTED IN, AND SO WE'RE
20 INTERESTED IN THE COMMUNITY. WE WANT THE COMMUNITY TO BE
21 INVOLVED, SO WE'RE NOT AGAINST THE COMMUNITY. WE WANT THE BEST
22 FOR EVERYBODY, BUT WE HAVE TO START SOMEWHERE. AND TO HAVE A
23 PROJECT LIKE THAT, TO ME, IT'S ABSOLUTELY FROM GOD AND I'M IN
24 A HUNDRED PERCENT AGREEMENT WITH IT AND MY HUSBAND IS BACKING
25 ME UP. HE'S HERE TODAY. HAS A PROBLEM WITH HIS VOICE, SO WE'RE



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1 TALKING ON HIS BEHALF, BUT HE DID SHUT DOWN THE OPERATION TO
2 BRING ALL OF US HERE TO LET YOU KNOW WE ARE ALL INTERESTED IN
3 THAT COMMUNITY. OTHERWISE, WE WOULDN'T BE THERE.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. NEXT WE HAVE JILLANA
6 PRUITT AND JERRI WHITE, IF THEY WOULD JOIN US. MR. SAUSEDO.

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8 **ROBERT SAUSEDO:** YES, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ROBERT SAUSEDO.
9 I AM THE VICE-CHAIR OF THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL. LET ME
10 FIRST SAY THAT I'VE BEEN ON THE COUNCIL SINCE ABOUT 1997/'98
11 AND HAVE WORKED WITH THE COMMUNITY AND SPEARHEADED SEVERAL
12 COMMITTEES TO TRY AND BRING NEW DEVELOPERS INTO THAT CORRIDOR.
13 UNFORTUNATELY, BECAUSE OF OTHER CONSTRUCTION THINGS THAT TOOK
14 PLACE, IT REALLY TIED UP THE LAND AND MADE IT DIFFICULT. I
15 WANT TO SAY THAT I SUPPORT THIS PROJECT FOR SEVERAL REASONS
16 BUT, MOST IMPORTANTLY, BECAUSE THERE ARE 40,000 CASELOADS THAT
17 THIS FACILITY WILL SERVE OF PEOPLE WHO LIVE WITHIN ONE TO
18 THREE MILES OF THIS NEW FACILITY. I ALSO BELIEVE THAT THIS NEW
19 BUILDING WILL SERVE AS AN ECONOMIC ENGINE TO STIMULATE
20 ADDITIONAL RETAIL DEVELOPMENT ON THE REMAINING SIX ACRES OF
21 LAND. I ALSO WANT TO GO ON RECORD AS SAYING THAT THE COMMUNITY
22 ADVISORY COUNCIL AND ALL OF ITS MEMBERS WHO HAVE SERVED VERY
23 WELL FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS AND FOR A COUPLE OF COUNCIL OFFICES
24 HAVE TAKEN A VERY PRUDENT APPROACH IN LOOKING AT THIS PROJECT.
25 NOTHING ELSE HAS BEEN BROUGHT BEFORE US TO LOOK AT IN TERMS OF



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1 ADDITIONAL RETAIL DEVELOPMENT IN THE LAST TWO TO THREE YEARS
2 AND I THINK THAT IKELE DEVELOPMENT HAS DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB
3 OF OUTREACH TO THE COMMUNITY AND TRYING TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL
4 OF THE DIFFERENT NUANCES AND LAYERS OF OUTREACH TAKE PLACE.
5 WHEN WE LOOK AT THE RELOCATION PACKAGE OF THE ADJACENT
6 APARTMENT BUILDINGS, MANY OF THOSE APARTMENT BUILDINGS WERE IN
7 SLUM LORD CONDITIONS AS A RESULT OF GETTING INVOLVED THERE.
8 THOSE BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN BROUGHT UP TO CODE, WHICH THEY
9 WEREN'T BEFORE AND MANY OF THE RELOCATION PACKAGES ARE VERY,
10 VERY ROBUST BECAUSE THERE ARE MULTIPLE FAMILIES IN EACH UNIT.
11 SO I WOULD IMPLORE YOU TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT AND WHAT IS RIGHT
12 IS TO PUT A BUILDING IN THE COMMUNITY SO PEOPLE DON'T HAVE TO
13 TRAVEL TO PALOS VERDES, TO EL SEGUNDO, TO ENGLEWOOD TO BE
14 SERVED AND WE'RE TALKING ABOUT 40,000 CASELOADS. SO I'M HERE
15 AGAIN TO SUPPORT THIS EFFORT AND ASK THAT YOU DO THE SAME.
16 THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. SAUSEDO. MR. COLE.

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20 **RONALD COLE:** YES, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MY NAME IS RONALD COLE
21 AND I HAVE LIVED IN THE COMMUNITY FOR OVER 30 YEARS. I LEFT A
22 CORPORATE JOB TO COME WORK FOR CRENSHAW CHRISTIAN CENTER AND
23 FOR MY PASTOR, WHO I BELIEVE IS ONE OF THE MOST DYNAMIC
24 LEADERS IN THE WORLD, SIMPLY BECAUSE HE HAS A HEART FOR THE
25 PEOPLE AND I LOVE THE COMMUNITY AND I LOVE MY PEOPLE. AND,



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1 OVER THE 30 YEARS, I HAVE NOT SEEN, FROM GROWING UP AS A
2 YOUTH, A MAJOR DEVELOPMENT TAKE PLACE IN THAT COMMUNITY FOR
3 THAT PERIOD OF TIME. I BELIEVE THIS IS THE CATALYST THAT WE
4 NEED THAT WOULD HELP STIMULATE OTHER BUSINESSES THAT SAYS IF
5 THE COUNTY, IF OUR LEADERS SAY THAT THE PEOPLE THERE ARE
6 WORTHY OF THIS TYPE OF EFFORT, THEN WE WILL SO FOLLOW, BECAUSE
7 WHAT THAT'S SAYING IS THAT YOU'VE MADE AN INVESTMENT IN THE
8 COMMUNITY AND IN THE PEOPLE AND THE PEOPLE WHO ARE LOOKING OUT
9 AS FAR AS FROM A RETAIL STANDPOINT UNDERSTANDS AND SAYS THAT
10 THE COUNTY HAS MADE THAT TYPE OF INVESTMENT, THEN WE, TOO, CAN
11 ALSO MAKE AN INVESTMENT. SO I SAY ON BEHALF OF US, THE PEOPLE
12 WHO ARE THERE, THAT WE DEFINITELY NEED THIS TYPE OF
13 DEVELOPMENT, THE YOUTH NEED TO SEE DEVELOPMENT GOING ON AND IT
14 WAS MENTIONED ABOUT JOB. JOBS COMES ABOUT BECAUSE DEVELOPMENT
15 TAKES PLACE, A VISION IS PRESENTED TO THE YOUTH THAT SAYS THAT
16 THIS COMMUNITY IS GROWING, THAT IT IS VITAL, AND THAT WE THE
17 LEADERS WE CARE ABOUT YOUR FUTURE. SO I BELIEVE IT'S VERY
18 IMPORTANT THAT THIS PROJECT MOVE FORWARD. I DON'T SEE A
19 NEGATIVE ON THIS. I SEE ONLY A POSITIVE THAT IT WILL STIMULATE
20 GROWTH AND CONTINUES TO BE A GOOD INFLUENCE FOR THE COMMUNITY.
21 THANK YOU.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. COLE. NEXT WE HAVE CAROL
24 ROSS-BURNETT AND WARREN HARVEY. IF THEY WOULD JOIN US. MISS
25 PRUITT.



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2 **JILLANA PRUITT:** HELLO, MY NAME IS JILLANA PRUITT. I'VE BEEN IN
3 THE COMMUNITY FOR SEVEN YEARS. I BELIEVE THAT THIS IS AN
4 OPPORTUNITY THAT MAYBE A LOT OF PEOPLE WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY DO
5 NOT UNDERSTAND AND I BELIEVE IT'S BASED ON NOT PARTICIPATING
6 IN THE TASKFORCE MEETINGS THAT ARE OFFERED AT OUR CHURCH,
7 WHERE IT IS AVAILABLE AND OPEN TO THE PEOPLE OF THE COMMUNITY
8 AND FOR THE PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY TO INFORM THEM WHAT IS
9 GOING ON WITHIN THE COMMUNITY AND HOW TO IMPROVE THE THINGS
10 THAT ARE GOING ON OVER THERE AS WELL. I ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE
11 BUILDING THAT IS BEING BUILT IS A CATALYST, AS MR. COLE SAID,
12 FOR OTHER BUSINESSES TO COME THROUGH. UNFORTUNATELY, THE
13 BUILDINGS OR THE DESOLATION OF THOSE BUILDINGS ON 83RD AND
14 84TH STREET HAS BEEN THERE FOR A LONG TIME AND IT'S NOT
15 IMPRESSIVE, NOR IS IT ENCOURAGING AND SO, LIKE, FOR THE COUNTY
16 TO COME AND INVEST, I BELIEVE OTHER INVESTORS WILL COME AS
17 WELL. THEY HAVEN'T CAME BECAUSE THEY FEEL THAT THERE'S NO
18 REASON OR PURPOSE TO COME BUT BECAUSE THE COUNTY BUILDING IS
19 BEING BUILT AND IT IS AN ADMINISTRATION WHERE PAPERWORK IS
20 DONE, OTHER PEOPLE WILL COME BECAUSE THERE ARE MORE PEOPLE
21 THAT WILL BE WITHIN A COMMUNITY THAT WOULD NEED TO BE
22 SERVICED.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MISS WHITE.

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1 **JERRI WHITE:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JERRI WHITE
2 AND I LIVE IN THE VERMONT/KNOLLS CORRIDOR SINCE DECEMBER OF
3 1998. LAST NIGHT, I READ SOME STATISTICS ON THE BENEFITS OF
4 THIS STRUCTURE AND I BELIEVE THAT IT WILL OPEN DOORS FOR MANY
5 OTHER STRUCTURES TO COME IN. THERE IS A LOT OF PROFESSIONALS
6 THAT LIVE IN THAT VERMONT KNOLLS AREA AND I BELIEVE THAT OUR
7 COMMUNITY DESERVES THE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE LIKES OF OTHER
8 AREAS IN LOS ANGELES. OUR DOLLARS, WE ARE HOMEOWNERS AND
9 TAXPAYERS AND OUR DOLLARS DESERVE THE RESPECT AND NEED TO BE
10 FUNNELED INTO OUR OWN AREAS. I PERSONALLY STILL HAVE TO GO
11 OUTSIDE THE AREA TO SHOP IN A MANNER THAT I'M ACCUSTOMED TO
12 SHOP. I ALSO HAVE TO GO OUTSIDE MY AREA TO BE ENTERTAINED AND
13 FOR RECREATION AND I WOULD LIKE TO ADD, TOO, IS THAT I DO NOT
14 HAVE TO GO OUT OF THE AREA TO ATTEND CHURCH, WHICH IS A
15 WONDERFUL THING. I JUST HAVE TO WALK AROUND THE CORNER. ALSO,
16 I WANT TO SAY THAT DID ANYONE NOT KNOW THAT THERE IS A MULTI-
17 MILLION-DOLLAR STRUCTURE AT 7901 SOUTH VERMONT AVENUE, AND WHY
18 DID IT TAKE SO LONG FOR A STRUCTURE OF THIS CALIBER TO COME IN
19 OUR NEIGHBORHOOD? THERE IS A LOT OF MONEY, IF YOU'RE LOOKING
20 AT DOLLARS AND CENTS, THERE'S A LOT OF MONEY IN THAT CORRIDOR
21 AND I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT WHATEVER ENVELOPE DR. BETTY HAD TO
22 PUSH TO GET US HERE TODAY AND TO GET THIS STRUCTURE BUILT SO
23 THAT OTHER STRUCTURES, PROFESSIONAL STRUCTURES CAN COME UP IN
24 THAT AREA, WHATEVER SHE HAD TO DO, I BELIEVE IT'S AN ANSWER TO
25 PRAYER BECAUSE I ATTEND MY BLOCK CLUB MEETINGS ON EVERY FIRST



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1 SATURDAY OF THE MONTH, AND I BELIEVE IT'S AN ANSWER TO PRAYER,
2 MEETINGS ATTENDED AND LETTERS THAT HAVE BEEN WRITTEN BEHALF OF
3 OUR AREA AND I BELIEVE THAT THIS IS AN ANSWER TO PRAYER TO
4 PUSH THIS EVENT THROUGH.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MISS WHITE. NEXT WE HAVE
7 BARBARA HARVEY AND JOHN GRAYSON, IF THEY WOULD JOIN US. MISS
8 BURNETT, ROSS-BURNETT.

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10 **CAROL ROSS-BURNETT:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS CAROL ROSS-BURNETT,
11 AND I HAVE LIVED IN THE VERMONT KNOLLS AREA FOR APPROXIMATELY
12 14 YEARS. MY CHILDREN WERE THREE MONTHS AND FIVE YEARS OLD
13 WHEN WE MOVED THERE. THEY'RE NOW 13 AND 18. THEY HAVE CHANGED
14 A GREAT DEAL. SADLY, MY COMMUNITY HAS NOT. DRIVING DOWN
15 VERMONT OR NORMANDY, TO AND FROM WORK EVERY DAY, I WAS ALWAYS
16 DISMAYED BY THE GENERAL STATE OF DISREPAIR IN SOUTH CENTRAL
17 L.A. IT'S NOT ENOUGH THAT MY HOME, MY NEIGHBORHOOD IS NICELY
18 KEPT; THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY DESERVES TO BE NICELY KEPT AS WELL.
19 SO WHEN DR. BETTY PRICE, MY FIRST LADY, ANNOUNCED HER VISION
20 FOR THE RESTORATION OF SOUTH CENTRAL COMMUNITY, I VOICED A
21 HEARTFELT AMEN. THINGS HAVE CHANGED A LITTLE BIT SINCE NOW.
22 THE GRAFFITI IS MUCH LESS PREVALENT, A FEW NEW BUSINESSES HAVE
23 BEEN BUILT BUT THE LOTS THAT WERE LEFT VACANT AS A RESULT OF
24 THE RIOT ARE STILL THERE LIKE GAPING HOLES IN A SNAGGLE-
25 TOOTHED MOUTH. NOW WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO FILL A FEW OF



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1 THOSE CAVITIES AND, IN DOING SO, TO PROVIDE NECESSARY JOBS,
2 NECESSARY SERVICES AND RESOURCES AND ULTIMATELY TO ATTRACT NEW
3 BUSINESSES. I WANT TO BE PROUD OF MY COMMUNITY AND SHOW MY
4 FAMILY WHEN THEY COME TO VISIT. I DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO DRIVE
5 MILES TO A RESTAURANT FOR DINNER AND IT WOULD BE NICE TO HAVE
6 A CHOICE OF PHARMACIES AND GROCERY STORES. I'LL CLOSE BY
7 SAYING THIS: IN THE BIBLE, WHEN GOD CHANGES SOMEONE'S NAME, WE
8 KNOW THAT IT'S NOT JUST THE NAME THAT CHANGES, BUT THE PERSON
9 AND I PRAY NOW THAT OUR COMMUNITY'S NAME CHANGE FROM SOUTH
10 CENTRAL TO CENTRAL WILL BE MORE THAN JUST A PUBLIC RELATIONS
11 STRATEGY, BUT ALONG WITH THAT WILL COME REAL CHANGE IN THE
12 PHYSICAL AND FINANCIAL STATE OF MY COMMUNITY. AND I THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. MR. HARVEY.

15

16 **WARREN HARVEY:** MY NAME IS WARREN HARVEY. I'M THE PRESIDENT OF
17 VERMONT VILLAGE. I REPRESENT 36 HOMEOWNERS AND I JUST WANTED
18 TO SAY THAT WE ARE IN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW PROJECT. WE
19 BELIEVE IT WILL ENHANCE THE COMMUNITY. THE PLACE THAT I LIVE
20 IN NOW, IF ANY OF YOU HAVE BEEN THERE, IT REALLY-- THAT
21 ENHANCED THE COMMUNITY AND, IF THAT HADN'T HAVE CAME TO PASS,
22 THEN I WOULDN'T BE LIVING THERE BUT IT GAVE US A CHANCE TO
23 BUY, RIGHT THERE IN THE 8TH DISTRICT, WHICH WE ALREADY LIVED
24 IN THE 8TH DISTRICT. WHAT I THINK THIS WILL ENHANCE THE
25 COMMUNITY AND, IF YOU LOOK ABOUT IT NOW, YOU'LL SEE LESS



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1 GRAFFITI. ALSO, I THINK IT HAS-- HAS TO DO WITH OUR SECURITY
2 AND WE LIVE DIRECTLY ACROSS THE STREET FROM-- NOT DIRECTLY
3 ACROSS THE STREET BUT CATTYCORNER ACROSS THE STREET FROM WHERE
4 THIS PROJECT IS BEING BUILT AND WE SAY YES, YES, WE ARE ALL
5 HOMEOWNERS, WE ARE TAXPAYERS, AND WE'RE VOTERS. SO, THANK YOU
6 VERY MUCH FOR YOUR VOTE "YES." THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MISS HARVEY?

9

10 **BARBARA HARVEY:** MY NAME IS BARBARA HARVEY AND I PIGGYBACK ON
11 EVERYTHING THAT HAS BEEN SAID SO FAR AND I WANTED TO ADD THAT,
12 LIKE MY HUSBAND STATED, THAT WE BOTH-- WE LIVE IN THE VERMONT
13 VILLAGE COMMUNITY HOMES THERE. WE OWN A TOWN HOME THERE BUT I
14 WANTED TO ADD ALSO THAT WE CHOSE TO RELOCATE FROM ENGLEWOOD,
15 WHERE WE OWNED A HOME THERE. WE MADE A CHOICE TO MOVE FROM
16 ENGLEWOOD TO WHAT IS KNOWN AS SOUTH CENTRAL FOR A COUPLE OF
17 REASONS, IS BECAUSE WE WANTED TO BE CLOSER TO OUR CHURCH HOME,
18 WHICH IS CRENSHAW CHRISTIAN CENTER AND MY HUSBAND AND I BOTH
19 ARE EMPLOYEES OF CRENSHAW CHRISTIAN CENTER. AND I FEEL THAT,
20 ONCE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTY BUILDING, ADMINISTRATIVE
21 COUNTY BUILDING IS COMPLETE, THAT THERE WILL BE OTHER ENTITIES
22 THAT WILL COME INTO THE COMMUNITY AND IT WILL LOWER THE CRIME
23 RATE, THE CRIME RATE WITH THE GANGS AND ALL THE OTHER
24 UNDESIRABLE ACTIVITIES THAT GOES ON IN THAT AREA. ONCE THEY
25 SEE, LIKE MY HUSBAND SAID, THE DEVELOPMENT THAT WE LIVE IN, WE



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1 DO NOT EXPERIENCE THE CHALLENGE THAT HAPPENS ACROSS THE STREET
2 AS FAR AS GRAFFITI AND BREAK-INS AND I THINK IT'S BECAUSE THEY
3 REALIZE THAT HERE'S A NICE BUILDING AND THEY GIVE US RESPECT.
4 SO IF YOU KEEP BUILDING AND BRINGING IN DIFFERENT VIABLE
5 INDUSTRIES, THEY WILL DO THE SAME THING AND ALL OF THE
6 UGLINESS WILL JUST DISSIPATE AND WE CAN ALL LIVE IN A
7 BEAUTIFUL COMMUNITY. LIKE I ALWAYS SEE OUR COMMUNITY LOOKING
8 LIKE CULVER CITY OR BURBANK OR AVENUES OF THE STARS. WE COULD
9 HAVE THE SAME THING. IT'S JUST THE PEOPLE COMING TOGETHER ON
10 ONE ACCORD AND STANDING TOGETHER AND AGREEING AND PUSHING
11 TOGETHER AS A WHOLE COMMUNITY FOR ONE COMMON GOAL. AND SO MY
12 VOTE IS DEFINITELY "YES."

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14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MISS HARVEY. NEXT WE HAVE
15 ARTHUR CONEY, MICHAEL REID AND MARCUS DREW.

16

17 **JOHN GRAYSON:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIRPERSON. MY NAME IS JOHN
18 GRAYSON AND I'M THE DIRECTOR OF THE VERMONT VILLAGE COMMUNITY
19 DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. THE CRENSHAW CHRISTIAN CENTER'S
20 VEHICLE TO IMPLEMENT ITS COMMITMENT TO THE RESTORATION OF THE
21 VERMONT CORRIDOR. THE CRENSHAW CHRISTIAN CENTER IS THE MAJOR
22 DEVELOPMENT AND EMPLOYER IN THE CORRIDOR. I'M IN FULL SUPPORT
23 OF THIS PROJECT AND, FIRST, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY ALMOST
24 PARENTHETICALLY THAT THIS IS NOT A COUNTY BUILDING, THIS IS A
25 CLASS OFFICE BUILDING FOR WHICH THE COUNTY WILL BE A TENANT.



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1 THERE'S PICTURES THAT ARE DRAWN IN OUR MINDS WHEN WE USE
2 CERTAIN TERMINOLOGY. THAT'S IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT AFFECTS THE
3 DEGREE TO WHICH THIS PROJECT WILL ENHANCE OUR GOALS.
4 ...(CLEARING THROAT)... PARDON ME. I'M ALSO IN SUPPORT OF THE
5 PROJECT BECAUSE IT FITS THE CORPORATION STRATEGY OF DEVELOPING
6 AND ENCOURAGING AND RECRUITING MAJOR EMPLOYERS TO LOCATE IN
7 THE CORRIDOR. I DON'T HAVE TO TELL THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF
8 SUPERVISORS THE FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC EQUATION THAT'S
9 ASSOCIATED HERE BUT I'LL MENTION, SUCCESS MODELS OF URBAN
10 REVITALIZATION, SUCH AS THE PROMENADE IN SANTA MONICA AND OLD
11 TOWN PASADENA, EACH INCLUDE THE LOCATION OF SIGNIFICANT
12 EMPLOYERS WHOSE EMPLOYEES BRING THE BALANCE OF RETAIL SPENDING
13 REQUIRED TO MAKE THE RETAIL BUSINESSES THAT THE COMMUNITY
14 NEEDS AND WHICH SPURS NEW AND EXPANDED SERVICES. FINALLY, I
15 WOULD SAY THAT I'M ENCOURAGED TODAY BECAUSE THE OUTCOME OF
16 THIS PROJECT IS WHAT BOTH THE PROponents AND THE OPPONENTS
17 WANT. I LISTENED CAREFULLY TO THOSE WHO OPPOSED THE PROJECT
18 AND PRECISELY WHAT THEY IMPASSIONATELY SAID THEY WANTED FOR
19 THE COMMUNITY, THIS PROJECT WILL BRING TO THEM. AND, BY THE
20 COUNTY SUPERVISORS, WITH THEIR BACKGROUND AND KNOWLEDGE OF
21 KNOWING WHAT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MODELS, HOW THEY WORK, BY
22 DOING THAT, YOU WILL BE SATISFYING...

23
24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.



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1 **JOHN GRAYSON:** ...BOTH SIDES WHO ARE PRESENTING TO YOU TODAY.

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3 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. GRAYSON.

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5 **JOHN GRAYSON:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NEXT, WE HAVE RHONDA MASON. IF SHE WOULD
8 JOIN US. MR. CONEY?

9

10 **ARTHUR L. CONEY:** YES. MY NAME IS ARTHUR CONEY AND I GREW UP IN
11 THE COMMUNITY. I WENT TO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 97TH STREET,
12 JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, BRENT HART, GRADUATED FROM WASHINGTON HIGH
13 SCHOOL, PURCHASED A HOME IN THE VERMONT KNOLLS IN 1983, STAYED
14 THERE FOR ABOUT SEVEN YEARS. AND IT HURTS MY HEART WHEN I COME
15 DOWN VERMONT STREET FROM MANCHESTER AND BETWEEN VERMONT AND
16 MANCHESTER AND FLORENCE, I REMEMBER THE TIMES WHEN I USED TO
17 GO, WHEN IT'S TIME FOR SCHOOL SHOPPING, WE WOULD GO ON VERMONT
18 AND MANCHESTER AND BUY SHOES, BUY CLOTHES. NOW ON MANCHESTER
19 AND VERMONT, THERE ARE NO MORE SHOE STORES, ONE. NO MORE
20 CLOTHING STORES. ALL THAT HAS BEEN GONE AND IT'S NOW TIME FOR
21 CHANGE. I BELIEVE THAT THE BUILDING, NOT ONLY AM I A PRODUCT
22 OF THE COMMUNITY BUT I BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE OTHER CHILDREN
23 IN THE COMMUNITY, LIKE WAS SAID EARLIER, THAT, IF THEY SEE
24 THAT THINGS ARE BEING DONE, THEY DON'T MIND INVESTING BACK
25 INTO THEIR OWN COMMUNITIES. BUT, IN ORDER FOR THAT TO TAKE



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1 PLACE, WE DO NEED YOUR SUPPORT AND I BELIEVE THAT THIS
2 BUILDING WOULD BE VERY IMPORTANT TO THE REBUILDING OF THE
3 COMMUNITY. SO MY VOTE IS DEFINITELY "YES." PLEASE BUILD THE
4 BUILDING.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SIR. MR. REID.

7

8 **MICHAEL D. REID:** YES. I'D LIKE TO THANK THE COUNCIL FOR THIS
9 OPPORTUNITY. MY NAME IS MICHAEL REID AND I'VE BEEN A FULL-TIME
10 EMPLOYER OF CRENSHAW CHRISTIAN CENTER FOR APPROXIMATELY 20
11 YEARS. WHILE I SLEEP IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT, MR. KNABE'S
12 DISTRICT, I ALSO HAVE A SECOND HOME WHICH IS CRENSHAW
13 CHRISTIAN CENTER, BECAUSE I SPEND THE MAJORITY OF MY TIME
14 THERE. OVER THE YEARS, THERE'S BEEN MUCH TALK, ESPECIALLY
15 AFTER THE RIOTS, OF REVITALIZING THE COMMUNITY. AND I WAS
16 ACTUALLY COMING UP FLORENCE AND NORMANDY TOWARDS THAT
17 INTERSECTION WHEN THE RIOTS BROKE OUT. THIS ISN'T A BLACK
18 ISSUE, IT'S NOT A LATINO ISSUE, IT'S NOT EVEN A WHITE ISSUE,
19 ALTHOUGH SOME WOULD CONSIDER ME WHITE. IT'S A PEOPLE ISSUE.
20 AND THAT'S WHY I'VE SPENT THE LAST 20 YEARS BECAUSE THAT'S
21 WHERE GOD HAS PLACED ME, TO SERVE AND ASSIST OUR PASTOR. BUT I
22 DON'T BELIEVE IT'S BY CHANCE I'M THE COLOR THAT I AM AND
23 THEY'RE THE COLOR THAT THEY ARE. THIS BUILDING IS NEEDED IN
24 OUR COMMUNITY. SO MANY PEOPLE, SO MANY POLITICIANS TALKED
25 ABOUT, AFTER THE RIOTS, "WE'RE GOING TO REBUILD, WE'RE GOING



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1 TO DO THIS, WE'RE GOING TO DO THAT." BUT YET TALK IS CHEAP.
2 EXCUSE ME BUT IT'S TIME TO WALK OUT THAT TALK. AND, YOU KNOW,
3 ON THE BACK OF YOUR STATEMENT HERE, I DON'T KNOW IF THIS IS
4 YOUR GOAL, YOUR MISSION STATEMENT BUT IT SAYS "TO ENRICH LIVES
5 THROUGH EFFECTIVE AND CARING SERVICE." AND, AGAIN, I BELIEVE
6 THAT THIS BUILDING WOULD DO JUST THAT. SO THE QUESTION IS,
7 WITH INTEGRITY, WE DON'T JUST TALK IT BUT WE ALSO WALK IT. AND
8 I BELIEVE ALSO WHEN YOU LOOK AT THAT MOVIE, "THE FIELD OF
9 DREAMS," THERE WAS A VERY INTERESTING SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLE.
10 KEVIN COSTNER HEARD A VOICE OR GOT SOMETHING IN HIS HEART, THE
11 PRINCIPLE, AND HE SAID, "IF YOU BUILD IT, THEY WILL COME."
12 WELL, I BELIEVE AND IT'S NOT IF BUT WHEN YOU BUILD THIS, THEY
13 WILL COME. THE RETAIL, THE HEALTHCARE, THE BUSINESSES, THE
14 THINGS THAT ARE NEEDED IN THAT COMMUNITY. THAT'S MY COMMUNITY.
15 I SPEND THE MAJORITY OF MY TIME THERE. MY DOLLARS GO INTO THAT
16 COMMUNITY. I GO OUT AND EAT IN THE COMMUNITY, I SHOP IN THAT
17 COMMUNITY. THAT IS MY HOME AS WELL, SO I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU
18 TO FOLLOW YOUR HEART. YOU KNOW THIS NEEDS TO BE DONE BECAUSE
19 TOO MUCH TIME HAS PASSED AND HOW MUCH MORE TIME NEEDS TO PASS
20 BEFORE SOMETHING CONCRETE IS DONE TO SHOW THE PEOPLE IN OUR
21 COMMUNITY THAT THEY ARE NOT JUST AN AFTERTHOUGHT. I HAVEN'T
22 SPENT ALL THE TIME THAT I'VE SPENT THERE JUST TO COLLECT A
23 PAYCHECK BUT I BELIEVE IN THIS SO, AGAIN, I ENCOURAGE YOU TO
24 VOTE YES. MY TIME IS UP. THANK YOU FOR YOURS.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. WE HAVE MISS MASON.

2

3 **RHONDA MASON:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. AGAIN, MY NAME IS RHONDA
4 MASON AND I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR THIS TIME TO SPEAK. I
5 LIVE IN THE COMMUNITY. I'VE LIVED THERE SINCE 1988 IN THE
6 VERMONT KNOLLS AREA. I WALK IT ON EVERY SATURDAY AND MONDAYS
7 AND WEDNESDAYS AND I'VE ENJOYED MYSELF BUT I'D ENJOY IT MORE
8 SO TO BE ABLE TO REALIZE THAT WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE
9 ABLE TO SEE THIS COMMUNITY THAT I'VE LIVED IN SINCE 1988 GROW.
10 I'VE WALKED DOWN VERMONT WHEN IT USED TO BE A BEAUTIFUL AREA,
11 WHEN WE USED TO HAVE ACTUAL BUILDINGS AND I WOULD EVEN GO BUY
12 EARRINGS AND ALL KINDS OF THINGS THERE. ONCE AGAIN, WHEN THE
13 RIOTS CAME, EVERYTHING WAS DESOLATE. THERE WAS NOTHING THERE.
14 BUT TO BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO FINALLY HAVE SOMETHING THAT
15 WE CAN BE PROUD OF AND TO SEE NOT ONLY JUST OURSELVES RECEIVE
16 AS FAR AS THE COMMUNITY BUT OTHERS COME IN AND GET JOBS, AND
17 WITH JOBS WOULD ALSO BRING PEOPLE THAT WOULD WANT TO, AGAIN,
18 AS EVERYONE HAS SAID, HAVE THEIR BUSINESSES BROUGHT INTO THE
19 COMMUNITY. IT'S A BLESSING. SO I WANT TO SAY THAT IT'S TIME,
20 IT'S SO TIME. I KNOW THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS EVERYONE COULD
21 DO AND YOU ARE VERY BUSY BUT WHEN YOU THINK IN TERMS OF WHAT
22 THIS WOULD DO FOR THIS ONE COMMUNITY, ALLOW US TO BE ABLE TO
23 SAY, IT'S TIME FOR US TO RISE UP. IT'S TIME FOR US TO SEE A
24 NEW BEGINNING. IT'S TIME FOR US TO SEE THE BEAUTIFUL THINGS
25 THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE JUST WITH THE WALKS BEING CHANGED, WITH



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1 FLOWERS AND PLANTS AND TREES BEING BUILT. IT'S A WONDERFUL
2 THING. PSYCHOLOGICALLY SPEAKING, IT'S EVEN BETTER. WE NEED TO
3 REALIZE, IT'S TIME FOR THIS COMMUNITY TO GROW. IT'S TIME FOR
4 US TO SEE A CHANGE AND I'M SO FOR IT AND I THANK YOU FOR
5 ALLOWING US TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY IN OUR COMMUNITY AND WE
6 SEE IT AS DONE. THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. THAT CONCLUDES ALL OF
9 OUR SPEAKERS. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. MS. BURKE?

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** YES. MR. WES, WOULD YOU CARE TO MAKE ANY
12 STATEMENTS ABOUT THIS?

13

14 **CHUCK WEST:** THE PROJECT IS ONE OF-- LET ME INTRODUCE MYSELF
15 FIRST. CHUCK WEST, DIRECTOR OF REAL ESTATE, C.A.O. SUPERVISOR
16 BURKE AND I HAVE WORKED ON THIS PARTICULAR PROJECT FOR A GOOD
17 PART OF THE SEVEN YEARS I'VE BEEN WITH THE COUNTY AND WE BOTH
18 PUT A LOT OF OURSELVES INTO ACCOMPLISHING WHAT THE SPEAKERS IN
19 FAVOR OF THE PROJECT ARE SAYING. AND I THINK, FROM MY
20 PERSPECTIVE IN REAL ESTATE, THAT THE ECONOMIC ENGINE THAT THIS
21 WILL CREATE WILL INDEED BE AN ENGINE OF CHANGE FOR THIS
22 COMMUNITY AND IT WILL BRING SERVICES CLOSER TO THE PEOPLE THAT
23 REALLY NEED THEM, NOT WHERE THE DEPARTMENT HEAD LIVES, NOT
24 WHERE THE EMPLOYEES NECESSARILY LIVE BUT WHERE THE SERVICES
25 ARE REALLY NEEDED AND I THINK THIS HAS BEEN SUPERVISOR BURKE'S



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1 VISION AND THE WHOLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ACCOMPLISH THIS
2 AND I WOULD RECOMMEND THIS HEARTILY.

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4 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS TO CLARIFY IT.
5 CRENSHAW CHRISTIAN CENTER IS AT THE LOCATION WHERE THE OLD
6 PEPPERDINE WAS LOCATED. THEY PURCHASED PEPPERDINE WHEN IT
7 MOVED TO MALIBU, THEY PURCHASED THE CAMPUS, SO THAT'S WHERE
8 THIS-- WHAT WAS PEPPERDINE CAMPUS IS NOW CRENSHAW CHRISTIAN
9 CENTER AND IT'S A SCHOOL AS WELL AS A CHURCH AND OTHER KINDS
10 OF ACTIVITIES. UNFORTUNATELY, IN 1992, WITH THE CIVIL UNREST,
11 THE BUILDINGS ACROSS THE STREET, FOR SOME TWO BLOCKS OF THOSE
12 BUILDINGS WERE DESTROYED. AND, UNFORTUNATELY, THERE HAS NOT
13 BEEN A REBUILDING OF MOST OF THOSE PLACES. IT'S BEEN SITTING
14 THERE. AND I AGREE WITH THE PEOPLE WHO ARE OPPOSED TO THIS
15 THAT THEY WANT RETAIL. I AGREE, IT WOULD BE GREAT TO GET
16 RETAIL BUT IT'S BEEN 13 YEARS AND NO RETAILER HAS COME FORWARD
17 TO BUILD. IT'S BEEN ONE PROBLEM AFTER ANOTHER. IT'S BEEN
18 DIFFICULTY IN PUTTING TOGETHER LAND BUT ALSO BRINGING RETAIL
19 THERE. I BELIEVE-- AND I WILL WORK WITH THE COMMUNITY TO TRY
20 TO IDENTIFY RETAILERS TO TAKE THE REMAINDER. THERE'S PLENTY OF
21 VACANT SPACE THAT STILL IS THERE FROM THOSE BUILDINGS THAT
22 WERE BURNED. SO I WILL CERTAINLY WORK WITH THE COMMUNITY TO
23 TRY TO IDENTIFY RETAILERS AND I WOULD HOPE THAT THE COUNTY
24 SERVICES THAT ARE AVAILABLE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TO IDENTIFY
25 ECONOMIC AND RETAIL WHO MIGHT COME INTO THE COMMUNITY, WE'LL



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1 WORK WITH THEM. AND I ALSO URGE THE DEVELOPER TO TRY TO
2 IDENTIFY ADJACENT PROJECTS FOR RETAIL. I KNOW THAT HE HAS, IN
3 OTHER AREAS CLOSE BY WHERE HE HAS PUT IN SHOPPING CENTERS,
4 THEY HAVE BROUGHT IN CERTAINLY MARKETS AND OTHER RETAIL IN
5 THOSE BUILDINGS IN TERMS OF THOSE DEVELOPMENTS AND I HOPE HE
6 DOES THE SAME THING WITH THIS ONE WHEN THEY HAVE THIS TENANT
7 AS A BASIC INVESTMENT IN THE COMMUNITY. I HOPE THIS DOES TURN
8 IT AROUND BECAUSE I KNOW I'VE BEEN LISTENING TO ALL KINDS OF
9 PROJECTS GOING ON SINCE 1992, WHEN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
10 ALLOCATED \$50 MILLION TO GO IN TO IMPROVE THE AREA. NOTHING
11 HAPPENED. AND SO I'M MOVING-- I'M MOVING THIS NUMBER 18.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THAT ITEM IS MOVED BY MS. BURKE.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** SECONDED.

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17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. ANY QUESTION
18 OR COMMENT? IS THERE ANY OBJECTION? IF NOT, SO ORDERED ON
19 NUMBER 18. THANK YOU SO MUCH. ALL RIGHT. NEXT WE HAVE S-1. IF
20 ANY OF YOU ARE LEAVING, IF YOU'D DO SO QUIETLY, WE'D
21 APPRECIATE IT. WE HAVE S-1. OKAY. THANK YOU. DR. GARTHWAITE.
22 IS MISS ROBINSON HERE? DR. GARTHWAITE.

23

24 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** MADAM CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISORS, WE'RE HERE
25 TO GIVE YOU AN UPDATE ON THE ACTIVITIES AT KING DREW MEDICAL



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1 CENTER OVER THE LAST WEEK. I HAVE SUBMITTED MY NOTES IN
2 WRITING TO YOU. I JUST WANT TO HIGHLIGHT A COUPLE THINGS.
3 CLEARLY, THE HOSPITAL ADVISORY BOARD FOR KING DREW HAS MET,
4 AND I THINK SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IS BEING MADE THERE. I
5 CONTINUE TO WORK THROUGH THE DIFFERENT CHAIRS OF-- AND
6 DEPARTMENTS AT THE MEDICAL CENTER TRYING TO IDENTIFY PROBLEMS
7 AND TO LOOK FOR THE OVERALL TRENDS AND ISSUES WITH REGARDS TO
8 IMPROVING BOTH CLINICAL CARE AND EDUCATION. AND I THINK THE
9 OTHER-- ONLY OTHER MAJOR ISSUE I WOULD SAY IS THAT I DID
10 PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING BY MARK RIDLEY THOMAS ON FRIDAY
11 WITH REGARD TO GOVERNANCE CHANGE. OTHER THAN THAT, I'LL LET
12 THE REPORT STAND ON ITS OWN AND ASK KAE IF SHE'D LIKE TO MAKE
13 COMMENTS ON THE NAVIGANT VERSION.

14

15 **KAE ROBERTSON:** IN TERMS OF THE NAVIGANT SECTION, THE C.M.S.
16 PLAN WAS SUBMITTED ON TIME AND ALSO WE HAVE NOTED THAT IT WAS
17 RECEIVED ON TIME BY C.M.S. SECONDLY, IN TERMS OF RADIOLOGY, WE
18 CONTINUE TO PIECE TOGETHER THE STAFFING DAY TO DAY BUT WE ARE
19 IMPROVING THERE. WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO WORK THROUGH SOME OF THE
20 NIGHT HAWK CONTRACT ISSUES AND PROVIDING A READING BOX TO DR.
21 PAYNE AT HIS HOME AND WE'RE CONTINUING TO WORK THROUGH WITH
22 U.C.S.D. AND DAY HAWK, SOME CONTRACT OPPORTUNITIES THERE. WE
23 ARE AT THE POINT WHERE WE HAVE 2.5 F.T.E.'S IN RADIOLOGY PLUS
24 ONE FTE OF RADIOLOGY ONCOLOGY. I THINK, AS YOU RECEIVED UNDER
25 SEPARATE MEMO, STATE D.H.S. WAS HERE AND REVIEWED ABOUT 16



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1 PATIENT CHARTS, SOME GOING AS FAR BACK AS FAR AS 2000 PLUS
2 THOSE CASES THAT WERE RECENTLY DISCUSSED WITH THE BOARD OF
3 SUPERVISORS. AND WE EXPECT TO HAVE A REPORT FROM THEM IN 10
4 DAYS. IT SEEMS LIKE THEY FOUND THE SAME THINGS THAT WE FOUND
5 IN OUR REVIEW BUT WE'LL EXPECT THE REPORT IN ABOUT 10 DAYS.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** IS THAT FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD?

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9 **KAE ROBERTSON:** THE-- THAT WAS FROM...

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11 **SUP. KNABE:** I MEAN, WHO ARE YOU EXPECTING A REPORT FROM IN 10
12 DAYS?

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14 **KAE ROBERTSON:** THE STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR THE CHARTS THAT
15 THEY WERE REVIEWING, SOME OF WHICH WENT BACK TO 2000. THE NEXT
16 THING IS THAT THE SECURITY, THERE WERE OPPORTUNITIES
17 IDENTIFIED IN JUNE OF 2004 FOR IMPROVEMENT. NOT ALL OF THOSE
18 WERE IMPLEMENTED AT THE TIME AND A REVIEW WAS INITIATED WITH
19 O.P.S. AND SECURITY TO SECURE THE BUILDING AND TO MAKE
20 CHANGES. AND ADDITIONALLY ANY DISCIPLINARY ACTION THAT NEEDS
21 TO BE TAKEN WILL AND WE'VE ALSO ASKED STAFF TO INCREASE THEIR
22 VIGILANCE IN ASKING FOR PASSES OF PEOPLE IN THE HALLWAYS.
23 THERE'S ALSO BEEN SOME POSTERS-- FLIERS POSTED THROUGHOUT THE
24 FACILITY, REALLY, YOU KNOW, SUGGESTING THAT CHANGE IN SERVICES
25 WOULD-- WOULD BE ACTED UPON IN A NEGATIVE WAY IF ANYONE WERE



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1 TO PARTICIPATE IN THAT. THE FLIERS WERE REMOVED AND O.P.S. HAS
2 TAKEN APPROPRIATE ACTION AND NOTIFIED ALL LOCAL AUTHORITIES.
3 AND WE'VE ALSO NOTIFIED THE STAFF OF THIS ISSUE AND INCREASED
4 SECURITY AT THE HOSPITAL. THERE'S ONLY ONE PATIENT DEATH THAT
5 HAS BEEN SENT FOR FURTHER REVIEW. THE QUALITY TURNAROUND PLAN
6 MONTHLY REPORT WAS PROVIDED TO YOU AS WELL AS TO THE CENTERS
7 FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES AND ADDITIONAL 27
8 RECOMMENDATIONS WERE IMPLEMENTED SINCE THE LAST MONTHLY
9 REPORT. FIVE OF THOSE ARE IN THE GOVERNANCE AREA THAT REALLY
10 DEAL WITH THE MUCH MORE ACTIVE AND INVOLVED HOSPITAL ADVISORY
11 BOARD. THEY HAVE NOW DEVELOPED A WEEKLY STEERING COMMITTEE.
12 THEY HAVE SET THEIR FIRST MEETING FOR THIS FRIDAY. THE FINANCE
13 COMMITTEE IS SET TO MEET NEXT WEEK AND THE QUALITY COMMITTEE
14 IS MEETING NEXT WEEK AS WELL. SO THEY'RE AT THE POINT OF
15 HAVING ABOUT TWO MEETINGS PER WEEK AND VERY FOCUSED ON
16 OVERSEEING THE HOSPITAL AND TAKING THAT CHARGE SERIOUSLY. AND
17 THE MEDICAL STAFF, LEADERSHIP HAS PUT IN PLACE AN EXPEDITED
18 PEER REVIEW PROCESS FOR UNEXPECTED DEATHS. WE DO CONTINUE TO
19 MONITOR PHYSICIAN RESPONSE TO CODES. THE PAST WEEK, CODE
20 RESPONSE WAS AT 97%. TWO OF THOSE-- THE THREE THAT WEREN'T
21 RESPONDED TO WITHIN THE TIME FRAME, ONE WAS 11 MINUTES AND THE
22 TIME FRAME IS 10 MINUTES AND THE OTHER TWO WERE THE FACT THAT
23 THERE WAS NO RESPONSE AT ALL, MEANING THAT SOMETHING IN THE
24 PAGING SYSTEM DIDN'T WORK. SO WE DID AN ADDITIONAL TEST OF THE
25 PAGING SYSTEM AND THE PAGING SYSTEM IN THE TRAUMA BUILDING HAD



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1 SOME PROBLEMS, WHICH WE'VE NOW CORRECTED. UNDER "NURSING," WE
2 HAD A RECRUITMENT DAY WITH DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES. I
3 THINK YOU RECEIVED A REPORT OF THAT UNDER SEPARATE COVER THAT
4 THERE WERE 66 POTENTIAL APPLICANTS WHO ATTENDED. SEVEN OFFERS
5 WERE MADE ON THE SPOT AND FIVE HAD ACCEPTED AND I KNOW THEY'RE
6 CONTINUING TO WORK THAT LIST OF APPLICANTS. IN TERMS OF
7 PHARMACY, THE CAMERAS FOR INVENTORY SECURITY HAVE BEEN TURNED
8 ON AND WE'RE CONTINUING TO WORK THAT THROUGH WITH LOCAL 660.
9 AND, ON H.R., FIVE OTHER PERSONNEL WERE HIRED THIS WEEK AND 10
10 CASES WERE REFERRED FOR DISCIPLINE.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. KNABE.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** DR. GARTHWAITE, YOUR REPORT STATES THAT THE
15 ADVISORY BOARD HAS FORMED ITS AD HOC COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THESE
16 OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS. WHEN DO YOU THINK WE WILL GET THAT
17 FIRST REPORT?

18

19 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I KNOW WE HAVE A MEETING SCHEDULED FOR
20 7:30 THIS FRIDAY, SO I'LL ASK THAT THE CHAIR OF THAT COMMITTEE
21 BEGIN TO ADDRESS...

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** MAYBE WE COULD GET A TIME LINE.

24

25 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** RIGHT.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** AND ALSO, YOU MET WITH THE INTERIM PRESIDENT OF
3 DREW. ANY PROGRESS THERE ABOUT THE POTENTIAL SELECTION OF A
4 PERMANENT PRESIDENT? OR ARE THEY STILL FIGHTING FOR THE SINGLE
5 C.E.O.?

6

7 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S A FIGHT. I THINK
8 THEY STILL SEE SOME STRENGTH IN THAT. I THINK THERE'S AT LEAST
9 ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO POTENTIALLY COULD DO THAT JOB WELL, WHO
10 THERE HAVE BEEN ADDITIONAL CONVERSATIONS WITH.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** DO WHAT JOB WELL?

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14 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** IF THERE WERE A SINGLE C.E.O. WHO MIGHT
15 BE ABLE TO THAT JOB WELL. WHETHER THAT-- THERE WOULD BE ANY
16 OTHER CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THEY COULD TAKE ON ONE OF THE
17 OTHER ROLES. SO THOSE DISCUSSIONS, I KNOW, CONTINUE. I TALKED
18 TO THE INDIVIDUAL YESTERDAY.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** LAST WEEK, THERE WERE THOSE FLIERS THAT WERE
21 POSTED THROUGHOUT THE FACILITY, YOU KNOW, THE THREATS TO
22 HOSPITAL PERSONNEL, THE TIMES, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND
23 OTHERS. HAVE WE HAD ANY FURTHER INCIDENTS?

24



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1 **KAE ROBERTSON:** WE'VE HAD NO FURTHER INCIDENTS AND WE'VE UPPED
2 THE SECURITY PATROLS AS WELL AS NOTIFIED LOCAL AUTHORITIES,
3 INCLUDING POLICE AND SHERIFF.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** AND HAVE WE CONTINUED ANY INVESTIGATION AS TO THE
6 ROOT OF THAT ISSUE, WHERE IT CAME FROM?

7

8 **KAE ROBERTSON:** MY UNDERSTANDING IS THERE'S AN ONGOING
9 INVESTIGATION INTO THE ROOT OF WHERE THAT MEMO WOULD HAVE COME
10 FROM.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MR. ANTONOVICH.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DR. GARTHWAITE, DURING YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH
17 THE KING DREW HOSPITAL ADVISORY BOARD, DID THAT GROUP REVIEW
18 THE PATIENTS' RECORDS, PROTOCOLS, THE QUALITY OF PROGRAMS IN
19 THE HOSPITAL, PHYSICIAN COMPETENCE, CREDENTIALS AND PHYSICIAN
20 STAFFING?

21

22 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** CERTAINLY THE BOARD HAS NOT DONE THAT
23 YET. THEY HAVE FORMED A-- THERE'S A QUALITY SUBCOMMITTEE AND
24 THOSE SPECIFIC ISSUES WOULD BE, I THINK, UNDER THE PURVIEW OF
25 THAT SUBCOMMITTEE.



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2 **KAE ROBERTSON:** AND WE DISCUSSED THAT WITH THAT COMMITTEE'S
3 CHAIR AND THEY'RE MEETING AT THE END OF NEXT WEEK, ON THE 27TH
4 OF MAY.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO WHEN WILL THE ADVISORY BOARD REVIEW THE
7 C.M.S. RESPONSE TO THE NONCOMPLIANCE OF FEDERAL AND STATE
8 REGULATIONS BY THE MEDICAL CENTER?

9

10 **KAE ROBERTSON:** I'M TAKING A COPY TO THE CHAIR OF THE STEERING
11 COMMITTEE AND IT WILL BE PART OF THEIR DISCUSSION ON FRIDAY.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS FRIDAY, NOT THE 27TH?

14

15 **KAE ROBERTSON:** THE STEERING COMMITTEE IS THE GROUP THAT HAS
16 AGREED TO MEET WEEKLY TO BECOME MUCH MORE INVOLVED IN THE
17 OVERSIGHT OF OPERATIONS AND THEY'LL BE ABLE TO LOOK AT THAT
18 AND TALK ABOUT IT ON FRIDAY.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DR. GARTHWAITE, IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE
21 CHAIRMAN OF THE EMERGENCY MEDICINE, WAS IT DETERMINED THAT YOU
22 NEEDED 14 OR 15 FULL-TIME EMPLOYED PHYSICIANS FOR EMERGENCY
23 ROOM AND URGENCY CARE?

24



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1 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I THINK WHAT WE'VE PROPOSED IN PUTTING
2 FORWARD A CONTRACT, ALTHOUGH WE'VE TAKEN THAT BACK AND WE'RE
3 ADJUSTING THAT, WAS 14 F.T.E.'S AND THAT IS BASED ON SEVERAL
4 METHODOLOGIES WHICH ALL COME TOGETHER RIGHT AROUND THE SAME
5 NUMBER. I THINK ACTUALLY ONE NUMBER'S A LITTLE HIGHER BUT WE
6 THOUGHT THAT 14 WAS PROBABLY AS GOOD AS WE'RE ABLE TO GET IN
7 TERMS OF THE CHALLENGES IN THE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF
8 EMERGENCY ROOM PHYSICIANS.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DID YOU LOOK AT THE PROBLEMS OF GHOST
11 PHYSICIANS? IS IT RELATIVE TO THE TIMECARD FRAUD, EXISTING
12 PHYSICIAN SCHEDULES, PRODUCTIVITY, EFFORTS TO ENHANCE
13 PRODUCTIVITY PRIOR TO ARRIVING AT THIS FIGURE OF, WHAT, 14 OR
14 15 NEW PHYSICIANS?

15

16 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** RIGHT. NOW, IN THE EMERGENCY ROOM, WE
17 COVER BY SHIFTS AND IT'S VERY CLEAR WHETHER THE INDIVIDUALS
18 ARE THERE DURING THEIR SHIFTS OR NOT. IN FACT, I'VE MADE
19 ROUNDS IN THE MORNING AND DURING THE DAY AND EARLY EVENINGS IN
20 EMERGENCY ROOM AND HAVE FOUND THE STAFF PHYSICIANS TO BE
21 UNIVERSALLY THERE. SO THAT HAS NOT BEEN THE SAME KIND OF
22 PROBLEM WE'VE HAD IN SOME AREAS OF THE HOSPITAL, WHERE IT'S A
23 LITTLE HARDER TO TRACK WHERE INDIVIDUALS ARE.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IN YOUR CONVERSATIONS WITH THE PRESIDENT OF
2 DREW UNIVERSITY, DID HE DESCRIBE TO YOU HOW THEY'RE GOING TO
3 MEET ALL PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED ACCREDITATION DEFICIENCIES IN
4 THEIR RESIDENT TRAINING PROGRAM FOR THE DECEMBER SITE VISIT BY
5 THE AMERICAN COUNCIL ON GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION?

6

7 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WELL, WHAT WE'VE TALKED ABOUT WAS THE
8 PLAN TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL HAPPENS. THAT'S GOING TO TAKE
9 SEVERAL MONTHS TO ASSURE THAT THEY CAN PUT FORWARD EVIDENCE
10 THAT THERE'S OVERSIGHT OF ALL THE TRAINING PROGRAMS AND SO WE
11 TALKED TO-- QUITE A BIT ABOUT THE CONSULTANT THAT THEY'VE
12 HIRED AND THEIR PROGRESS TO DATE ON ASSURING THAT THEIR
13 INTERNAL PROCESS HAS MADE SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT SINCE THE
14 LAST TIME THE A.C.G.M.E. HAD COME OUT AND INSPECTED THEM.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME?

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18 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** THAT WAS ABOUT AUGUST OF 2000-- YEAH--
19 IT'S...

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ABOUT FOUR YEARS AGO?

22

23 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I THINK-- NO, IT'S ABOUT A YEAR OR SO
24 AGO THAT THEY CAME OUT AND DID THE REVIEW AND THEY LEFT THEM
25 ON THE PROVISIONAL-- YES.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHY DOES IT TAKE SO LONG, IN FACT, THEY'VE
3 LOST ACCREDITATION, THAT THEY'RE STILL IN THE PROCESS OF
4 ATTEMPTING HOW TO RESOLVE THAT ISSUE?

5

6 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I THINK SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS AND
7 THINGS HAVE OCCURRED. THERE'S BEEN AN ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUAL
8 WHO HAS BEEN HIRED INTO THE OFFICE. THE COMMITTEE THAT
9 OVERSEES ALL THE TRAINING PROGRAMS IS MEETING AND THEY HAVE
10 BETTER-- THERE'S BETTER MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS, WHICH IS
11 REALLY THE EVIDENCE TO SHOW THAT THEY'RE CONDUCTING THE
12 SUPERVISION THAT THEY WILL LOOK AT. THEY ALSO HAVE TO MAKE
13 SURE THAT EVERYONE IS TRAINED, BOTH IN EACH INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM
14 IN THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE BECAUSE THE ACCREDITORS, WHEN THEY
15 COME IN, WILL QUESTION MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE AND PROGRAM
16 CHAIRS AND RESIDENTS TO MAKE SURE THAT WHAT'S WRITTEN IN THE
17 REPORT APPEARS TO BE TRUE IN REALITY. SO IT'S NOT JUST THEY'LL
18 LOOK AT THE-- THEY'LL LOOK AT THE REPORT CAREFULLY BUT THEN
19 THEY COME IN AND INTERVIEW PEOPLE. SO IT'S NOT ONLY JUST
20 HAVING THE MEETINGS GO WELL, IT'S TRAINING EVERYBODY TO
21 UNDERSTAND ALL THE REQUIREMENTS AND MAKING SURE THEY
22 UNDERSTAND THAT AND CAN ANSWER THE QUESTIONS.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HE'S GOING TO BE INVOLVED WITH REPORTING THE
2 IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CLINICAL CARE AND IN THE ACADEMIC
3 SERVICES?

4

5 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WELL, TO THE EXTENT THAT EDUCATION IS A
6 KEY PART OF CLINICAL CARE AND TO THE EXTENT THAT SUPERVISION
7 OF RESIDENTS IS A KEY PART OF CLINICAL CARE, YES.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DO YOU THINK HE'LL BE ABLE TO FULLY IMPLEMENT
10 THESE ISSUES PRIOR TO AUGUST 31ST, THE DEADLINE?

11

12 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I THINK THAT WE WILL HAVE-- WHAT WE
13 CALLED FOR WAS A PLAN. THEY HAVE TO HAVE THEM READY BY
14 DECEMBER WHEN THE A.C.G.M.E. ARRIVES BUT...

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THE HEALTHCARE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ARE
17 GOING TO BE COMING BACK FOR AUGUST 31ST?

18

19 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** RIGHT, WHICH SAYS THAT THERE IS A PLAN,
20 A WELL-WRITTEN AND DELINEATED WITH TIME LINE PLAN TO MEET THE
21 DECEMBER INSPECTION.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEY'RE GOING TO MAKE IT BY AUGUST 31?

24



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1 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** THEY THINK THEY WILL. WE BELIEVE THEY
2 WILL.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU THINK THEY WILL.

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6 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** YEAH.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IF THE PATIENTS WHO ARE ASSIGNED TO STAFF
9 PHYSICIANS WITH THE EAR, NOSE AND THROAT SPECIALISTS, IF
10 PATIENTS ARE ASSIGNED TO STAFF PHYSICIANS, WHAT IS THE ROLE OF
11 RESIDENTS IN PATIENT CARE?

12

13 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WELL, THEY ASSIST IN PROVIDING THE
14 CARE. I REALLY PERSONALLY BELIEVE EACH PATIENT SHOULD BE
15 ASSIGNED TO A STAFF PHYSICIAN AND WE'RE WORKING ON OUR
16 COMPUTER SYSTEMS AND OTHER THINGS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN
17 ACTUALLY TRACK THAT.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW DO YOU IMPLEMENT THAT THROUGH THE
20 HOSPITAL?

21

22 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** IT'S-- I THINK IT'S A MATTER OF-- IT'S
23 A MATTER OF EDUCATION AND COMMITMENT FROM EACH ATTENDING
24 PHYSICIAN, THAT THEY FEEL THAT THEY ARE THE OFFICIAL RECORD,



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1 THAT EACH PATIENT IS ASSIGNED TO THE-- TO THAT STAFF PHYSICIAN
2 AS OPPOSED TO A RESIDENT PHYSICIAN.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IN THE PAST, RESIDENTS WERE ASSIGNED TO
5 PATIENTS RATHER THAN ATTENDING STAFF PHYSICIANS?

6

7 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WELL, AT ANY GIVEN DAY, BECAUSE THERE
8 IS AN ATTENDING ASSIGNED TO EACH RESIDENT EVERY DAY, THERE
9 ISN'T A STAFF ATTENDING ASSIGNED. IT REALLY COMES DOWN TO HOW
10 ACTIVELY THE ATTENDING PHYSICIANS GET INVOLVED IN THE CARE OF
11 THE PATIENT, HOW OFTEN THEY MAKE ROUNDS, THE FACT THAT THEY'RE
12 THERE COMMUNICATING WITH THE PATIENT. THE REASON I NOTED IT IN
13 THE REPORT WAS BECAUSE IT-- WHEN DR. GILL TALKED TO ME ABOUT
14 THIS, I THOUGHT IT REALLY STOOD OUT BECAUSE OF HIS COMMITMENT
15 TO MAKING SURE THAT THE PATIENTS ALL KNEW AND HAD THE ABILITY
16 TO SEE THEIR STAFF PHYSICIAN, YOU KNOW, EVERY DAY, AND-- AS
17 PART OF THEIR CARE AND I JUST-- I THOUGHT IT WAS REMARKABLE
18 AND I THINK SOMETHING FOR OTHER SERVICES PROBABLY ACROSS OUR
19 DEPARTMENT TO EMULATE.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT IS THE REASON FOR SOME OF THE PROBLEMS
22 WITH PHYSICIAN OVERSIGHT DUE TO THE FACT THAT RESIDENTS ARE
23 BEING ASSIGNED TO PATIENTS RATHER THAN TO STAFF PHYSICIANS?

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1 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** RESIDENTS AND STAFF ARE ALL-- PATIENTS
2 ARE ASSIGNED TO BOTH RESIDENT AND STAFF. IT'S THE WAY THAT
3 THEY-- IT'S THE WAY THEY DO THAT ASSIGNMENT. THE FACT THAT THE
4 PRIMARY ASSIGNMENT IS TO THE STAFF PHYSICIAN AND THE RESIDENT
5 IS SEEN AS HELPING THE STAFF PHYSICIAN. IF HE WENT INTO A
6 PRIVATE HOSPITAL THAT WAS DOING TRAINING, YOU WOULD BE-- YOU'D
7 BE MORE ASSOCIATED WITH YOUR ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, YOUR PRIVATE
8 DOCTOR, THAN YOU WOULD WITH THE RESIDENT PHYSICIAN. IN LARGE
9 COUNTY HOSPITALS LIKE THE DEPARTMENT HAS, IT'S NOT UNCOMMON
10 YOU OR AT LEAST DAY TO DAY SEE MORE ASSOCIATED WITH THE
11 RESIDENT THAN THE STAFF, ALTHOUGH IT'S A MATTER-- IT'S A
12 MATTER OF DEGREE.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WERE SOME OF THESE STAFF INVOLVED WITH
15 TIMECARD FRAUD ALLEGATIONS?

16

17 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I'M SORRY, WHICH STAFF?

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE E.N.T.

20

21 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I DON'T KNOW OF ANY, NO, BUT I CAN
22 DOUBLE CHECK. BUT I DON'T KNOW OF ANY ALLEGATIONS.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IF ALL THE RESIDENTS IN THIS DEPARTMENT
25 PASSED THEIR BOARD EXAMS ON THEIR FIRST TRY IN THE PAST 10



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1 YEARS, THEN WHY HAS IT BEEN DIFFICULT FOR YOU TO OBTAIN
2 INFORMATION FROM DREW UNIVERSITY'S MEDICAL SCHOOL ON THIS?

3

4 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE OVERALL PASS
5 RATES?

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MM-HM.

8

9 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I THINK, IN GENERAL, SERVICES-- WE'RE
10 WORKING WITH THE OVERALL GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION OFFICES AT
11 ALL OF OUR FACILITIES TO LOOK AT THEIR PASS RATES AS-- FOR THE
12 ENTIRE AFFILIATION. CERTAINLY, SERVICES THAT ARE DOING WELL,
13 THEY'RE HAPPY TO TALK ABOUT IT. IT'S THE ONES PROBABLY THAT
14 MIGHT NOT BE AS STELLAR THAT ARE A LITTLE HESITANT TO MAKE
15 THOSE PUBLIC.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY BUT, AGAIN, MAYBE NOT GO PUBLIC BUT IF
18 THERE ARE CASES OF MALPRACTICE, THEY BECOME PUBLIC WHEN WE
19 HAVE LITIGATION TO RESOLVE.

20

21 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** YEAH. ALTHOUGH I WOULD SAY THAT PASS
22 RATES ON THE BOARDS MAY OR MAY NOT RELATE MUCH TO MALPRACTICE
23 CLAIMS.

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, WOULD YOU WANT TO GO TO A FACILITY IF
2 THERE HAS A HIGH RATE OF FAILURE OR WOULD YOU RATHER HAVE THE
3 GOVERNMENT KEEP THAT INFORMATION SECRET SO YOU WON'T KNOW
4 UNTIL AFTER YOU'VE BEEN VICTIMIZED?

5

6 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WHAT I CAN'T TELL YOU IS WHETHER OR NOT
7 THE QUALITY OF CARE IS BETTER OR WORSE IF THERE ARE RESIDENTS
8 INVOLVED IN THE CARE WHO DON'T PASS THEIR BOARDS AS WELL. A
9 LOT DEPENDS ON THE LEVEL OF SUPERVISION, AS WAS SUGGESTED
10 EARLIER. VERY CLEARLY, WE'RE FAILING IN OUR EDUCATIONAL
11 MISSION, EITHER BECAUSE WE'RE ATTRACTING RESIDENTS WHO LATER
12 CAN'T PASS THEIR BOARDS OR BECAUSE WE'RE NOT TRAINING THEM
13 WELL ENOUGH IF OUR PASS RATES ARE NOT HIGH ENOUGH. AND SO I
14 THINK BECAUSE OF THE BOTH COUNTY AND FEDERAL DOLLARS, THE
15 PUBLIC DOLLARS THAT GO INTO EDUCATION, I THINK THAT AT LEAST
16 BROAD RELEASE OF THE SUCCESS OF RESIDENCY PROGRAMS IS
17 SOMETHING WE NEED TO WORK TOWARDS AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE
18 TRYING...

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHEN WILL YOU HAVE THAT INFORMATION RELATIVE
21 TO THE LAST 10 YEARS ABOUT THOSE WHO PASSED-- THE RATE OF
22 THOSE WHO PASSED THEIR EXAMINATIONS?

23

24 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WELL, WE'RE LOOKING TO GATHER THAT
25 INFORMATION ACROSS OUR DEPARTMENT FOR, SAY, AT LEAST THE LAST



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1 FIVE YEARS FOR ALL SERVICES BECAUSE I THINK THAT, AGAIN, AS I
2 WAS SAYING, THAT I THINK THAT, BECAUSE OF THE FEDERAL DOLLARS
3 AND BECAUSE OF THE COUNTY DOLLARS THAT ARE INVESTED IN THE
4 EDUCATION, WE HAVE SOME RESPONSIBILITY TO SAY THAT WE'RE DOING
5 A GOOD JOB AND IF WE'RE NOT...

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT YOU HAVE TO HAVE 100% RESPONSIBILITY
8 INSTEAD OF PART RESPONSIBLE? WE SHOULD BE FULLY RESPONSIBLE?

9

10 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** NO, I'M JUST SAYING WE SHOULD-- WE
11 SHOULD-- WE SHOULD GATHER THAT DATA AND POTENTIALLY MAKE
12 PUBLIC THE DATA REGARDING THE PASS RATES OVERALL FOR THE
13 PROGRAMS, NOT FOR THE INDIVIDUALS BUT FOR THE PROGRAMS.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, INDIVIDUALS ARE THE PROGRAM. THE
16 PROGRAM IS MADE UP OF THE INDIVIDUALS, RIGHT?

17

18 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** CORRECT.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THE PERCENTAGE WOULD GIVE YOU AN
21 INDICATION HOW WELL THE PROGRAM IS SUCCEEDING.

22

23 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** RIGHT. THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING.

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHICH MEANS HOW WELL THE PATIENTS ARE
2 RECEIVING MEDICAL CARE.

3

4 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING. I DON'T DRAW
5 THE-- I DON'T DRAW THE NEXUS BETWEEN THE CARE THE PATIENT
6 RECEIVES AND THE PASS RATES ON THE BOARDS, NECESSARILY.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IF 70% OF THE RESIDENTS AT OB/GYN ARE
9 IMPROVING ON THEIR EXAMINATIONS ON THE FIRST TRY, WHAT WAS THE
10 PROBLEMS BEFORE THEY BEGAN TO IMPROVE ON THEIR EXAMINATION
11 SCORES?

12

13 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I DON'T KNOW. I'M ASSUMING THAT-- I
14 MEAN, THE TWO FUNDAMENTAL PIECES ARE THE OVERALL QUALITY OF
15 THE RESIDENT TO START AND THEN THE QUALITY OF THE EDUCATIONAL
16 PROGRAM, THE AMOUNT OF TEACHING TIME, THE EMPHASIS ON TAKING
17 THE BOARDS, THE EMPHASIS ON THE TRAINING, THE LECTURES AND THE
18 SEMINARS AND SO FORTH THAT ARE ALL PART OF THE EDUCATIONAL
19 EXPERIENCE. AND THEN, OF COURSE, THE PRESSURE TO DO WELL, I
20 MEAN, THE INCENTIVE TO DO WELL.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** COULD YOU PROVIDE US WITH THE PASS/FAIL
23 SCORES OF ALL THE DREW UNIVERSITY RESIDENT TRAINING PROGRAMS
24 ON THEIR FIRST TRY?

25



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1 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** THAT'S WHAT I'M TRYING TO GET FOR THE
2 DEPARTMENT AND I WILL-- WE'RE CURRENTLY WORKING WITH THE
3 GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION OFFICES AND ALL OUR-- ACROSS OUR
4 DEPARTMENT.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHEN NAVIGANT COMES IN TO REVIEW, AS YOU'VE
7 BEEN REVIEWING THE PROBLEMS AT THE HOSPITAL, IS THAT AN AREA
8 THAT YOU EXPLORED, MISS ROBERTSON?

9

10 **KAE ROBERTSON:** WE'RE MORE FOCUSED ON THE COMPETENCY OF THE
11 PHYSICIAN STAFF AND THE NUMBER OF RESIDENTS AND THE
12 SUPERVISION OF THOSE RESIDENTS, NOT THE BOARD SCORES.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT DO YOU LOOK AT THAT AS A MEANS OF A
15 REFERENCE POINT TO DIRECT YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW TO
16 IMPROVE SERVICES AT THAT FACILITY?

17

18 **KAE ROBERTSON:** WHEN WE'RE INVOLVED IN DEVELOPING THE MEDICAL
19 EDUCATION PROGRAMS, WE WOULD.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DR. GARTHWAITE, COULD YOU EXPLAIN THE PROCESS
22 THAT CURRENTLY EXISTS TO REVIEW THE ROOT CAUSE AND CORRECTIVE
23 ACTION OF PATIENT CARE PROBLEMS BY PHYSICIANS AND NURSES.

24



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1 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WELL, THE ROOT CAUSE IS FIRST
2 IDENTIFYING WHAT EVENTS YOU WANT TO REVIEW AND YOU CAN START
3 BY REVIEWING ADVERSE EVENTS OR DEATHS. ANY ADVERSE EVENT WITH
4 INJURY, ANY ADVERSE EVENT WITHOUT INJURY AND ALSO CLOSE CALLS,
5 THINGS THAT-- WHERE SOMEONE NOTICED THAT, WITHOUT INTERACTION,
6 THAT A BAD THING COULD HAVE HAPPENED BUT WAS PREVENTED BY THE
7 ALERT, YOU KNOW, ACTIONS OF STAFF, FOR INSTANCE. THERE'S
8 ACTUALLY WAY MORE CLOSE CALLS THAN THERE ARE ADVERSE EVENTS
9 AND IF YOU CAN LEARN FROM CLOSE CALLS, OF COURSE, YOU CAN
10 PREVENT ACCIDENT AND INJURY AND YOU'RE REALLY ATTEMPTING TO
11 DEFINE THE VULNERABILITIES IN THE SYSTEM BY DOING THAT. WHAT
12 WE'VE TRIED TO DO IS ADOPT A ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS SYSTEM THAT'S
13 SYSTEMATIC AND IT SHOULD LOOK AT THE COMPETENCY AND DECISION-
14 MAKING OF STAFF, IT SHOULD LOOK FOR ISSUES SUCH AS FATIGUE IN
15 THE STAFF, IT LOOKS AT SYSTEM ISSUES, IT LOOKS AT EQUIPMENT
16 ISSUES AND WE HAVE A RIGOROUS PROTOCOL THAT'S ADAPTED AFTER
17 THE ONE, I THINK, THAT THE V.A. SET UP IN ITS PATIENT SAFETY
18 PROGRAM AND, OVER TIME, IT KEEPS GETTING BETTER BECAUSE IT
19 GETS TESTED IN HUNDREDS OF HOSPITALS ACROSS THE COUNTRY. AND
20 THEN, ONCE YOU'VE IDENTIFIED THE ROOT CAUSES, THE FINAL AND
21 IMPORTANT STEP IS TO ASSIGN THE INDIVIDUALS RESPONSIBLE FOR
22 MAKING THE CHANGES IN THE SYSTEM TO PREVENT THAT IN THE
23 FUTURE. AND SO IT'S IDENTIFICATION, CAREFUL AND SYSTEMATIC
24 ANALYSIS OF THE UNDERLYING CAUSES, LOOKING ESPECIALLY FOR



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1 SYSTEM PROBLEMS AND THEN ASSIGNMENT OF THE FOLLOW-THROUGH
2 ACTIONS.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT WAS THE ROOT OR THE POINT IN PROVIDING
5 US WITH INFORMATION IN THE MAXIAL FACIAL SURGERY DEPARTMENT?
6 AND WAS THERE A PROBLEM WITH THIS SPECIALTY DEPARTMENT IN THE
7 PAST?

8

9 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** NO, I'M TRYING TO MEET WITH EVERY
10 DEPARTMENT TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THEIR DEPARTMENT DOES, TO
11 UNDERSTAND SOME OF THE STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES, THE CHALLENGE
12 IT FACES, WHAT IT'S STAFFING LEVELS ARE. WE'RE WORKING
13 SEPARATELY TO DEFINE THEIR WORKLOAD, ALSO TALK ABOUT THE
14 RESIDENCY PROGRAMS AND THE SUCCESS OR FAILURE OF THOSE
15 RESIDENCY PROGRAMS. SO IT'S JUST ONE OF THE DEPARTMENTS THAT
16 DELIVERS CARE THERE AND SO I'M SYSTEMATICALLY WORKING THROUGH
17 EACH OF THOSE.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MISS ROBERTSON, HOW WILL THE HEALTH
20 DEPARTMENT OR NAVIGANT MEASURE THE INCREASE IN VIGILANCE AND
21 INSPECTING VISITOR PASSES AND NOTIFYING SECURITY WHEN THERE'S
22 A BREACH OF THAT ON THE MEDICAL UNIT-- OR IN THE MEDICAL
23 FACILITY?

24



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1 **KAE ROBERTSON:** WE'LL, FIRST OF ALL, BE MONITORING THE NUMBER
2 OF CALLS WE GET. SECONDLY, WE'LL BE DOING SOME SPOT-CHECKS AND
3 AUDITS, TWO, WALK THE HALLS OURSELVES AND SEE IF WE FIND
4 PEOPLE OUT WITHOUT PASSES, BOTH VISITORS AND PATIENTS GOING TO
5 CLINIC.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WERE THERE FLIERS POSTED THROUGHOUT THE
8 HOSPITAL THAT IMPLIED THREATS OF CHANGE IN SERVICES AT THE
9 HOSPITAL?

10

11 **KAE ROBERTSON:** THERE WERE, AND WE REMOVED THOSE.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW MANY WERE THERE?

14

15 **KAE ROBERTSON:** I DON'T REMEMBER HOW MANY WERE POSTED.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE WERE TOLD THERE WAS ONLY ONE FLIER AND WE
18 WEREN'T SURE WHY THAT WAS REPORTED.

19

20 **KAE ROBERTSON:** MY UNDERSTANDING WAS THERE WERE MORE THAN ONE
21 FLYER SO PERHAPS I HAVE THE NUMBER WRONG. I'LL CHECK THAT.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU STATED THAT FURTHER REVIEW HAD BEEN
24 REQUESTED IN ONE PATIENT DEATH. IS THERE AN ADDITIONAL PATIENT
25 DEATH OR IS THIS ONE THAT WE'VE ALREADY BEEN APPRISED OF?



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2 **KAE ROBERTSON:** NO. THIS IS ONE FOR THIS WEEK.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE FOR PEER REVIEW
5 PROCESSES TO REPORT FINDINGS ON PATIENT DEATH?

6

7 **KAE ROBERTSON:** A PEER REVIEW PROCESS IS COMPLETED WITHIN 30
8 DAYS.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WITHIN 30 DAYS. AND WHAT IS THE SITUATION
11 WITH THE FOUR ENVIRONMENT OF CARE REGULATORY COMPLIANCE
12 RELATED TO PATIENT SAFETY?

13

14 **KAE ROBERTSON:** THE...

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE TURNAROUND PLAN.

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18 **KAE ROBERTSON:** ON THE TURNAROUND PLAN?

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MM HM.

21

22 **KAE ROBERTSON:** ACTUALLY, THIS IS PART OF THE ORIGINAL
23 RECOMMENDATIONS AND I WAS REPORTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT
24 HAD BEEN IMPLEMENTED, THE FOUR IN ENVIRONMENT OF CARE INCLUDED
25 ADMINISTRATIVE ROUNDS BEING INITIATED AND OCCURRING EACH WEEK



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1 AND ALSO BEING ABLE TO ENSURE THAT SOME OF THE OTHER
2 REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS WERE BEING MET FROM A PATIENT SAFETY
3 AND FACILITY SIDE.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW WILL THE ADMINISTRATIVE ROUNDS BE
6 DOCUMENTED TO ENSURE DEFICIENCIES RELATED TO PATIENT SAFETY
7 ARE DOCUMENTED?

8

9 **KAE ROBERTSON:** THERE'S A WEEKLY REPORT OF THOSE?

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WEEKLY REPORT?

12

13 **KAE ROBERTSON:** YES, SIR.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** COULD YOU EXPLAIN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE
16 MEDICAL LEADERSHIP'S EXPEDITED PHYSICIAN PEER REVIEW PROCESS
17 FOR UNEXPECTED DEATHS VERSUS THE PROCESSES RELATED TO ROOT
18 CAUSES AND CORRECTIVE ACTIONS?

19

20 **KAE ROBERTSON:** ACTUALLY, THE PHYSICIAN PEER REVIEW PROCESS IS
21 A COMPONENT OF THE ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS. THE FIRST THING THAT
22 HAPPENS AFTER A PATIENT DEATH IS THAT THERE IS A REVIEW OF THE
23 CHART WITHIN 24 HOURS, BOTH BY THE QUALITY ASSURANCE NURSES
24 AND THE MEDICAL STAFF HAVE NOW AGREED THAT THEY WOULD DO AN
25 EXPEDITED INITIAL PEER REVIEW AND THEN THEY WOULD COMPLETE



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1 THEIR PEER REVIEW FOR A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW WITHIN THE 30-DAY
2 PERIOD. ALL OF THAT INFORMATION, ALONG WITH INFORMATION ON
3 SYSTEMS AND PROCESSES AND POLICIES GO INTO THE ROOT CAUSE
4 ANALYSIS. ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS BY JOINT COMMISSION
5 ACCREDITATION STANDARDS IS THEN COMPLETED WITHIN 45 DAYS.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW MANY NEW NURSES WERE HIRED, REGISTERED
8 NURSES, FROM THE RECENT NURSE RECRUITMENT EVENT THAT YOU HELD?

9

10 **KAE ROBERTSON:** FIVE ACCEPTED.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW MANY? FIVE?

13

14 **KAE ROBERTSON:** FIVE ACCEPTED, AND SEVEN OFFERS WERE MADE.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHERE WAS THIS EVENT HELD?

17

18 **KAE ROBERTSON:** IT WAS HELD AT THE KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER AND
19 WE'RE NOW GOING TO BE HOLDING THOSE EVERY TWO WEEKS, SINCE
20 THERE WAS SUCH GREAT TURNOUT. WE HAD 66 POTENTIAL RECRUITS. IT
21 WAS A REAL SUCCESS.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HAS THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT ADDRESSED THE
24 INSUFFICIENT SPACE RESULTING IN CLUTTER AND MEDICATION ERRORS
25 IN THE PHARMACY DEPARTMENT?



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2 **KAE ROBERTSON:** THE-- THERE ARE A NUMBER OF FACILITY PLANS
3 UNDER WAY. ONE OF THOSE IS FOR PHARMACY. SOME ARE FOR, AS YOU
4 KNOW, FOR THE OPERATING ROOM, FOR PSYCHIATRY, SO THERE ARE A
5 NUMBER OF CAPITAL PROJECTS THAT ARE NEEDED.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT CONSIDERING
8 OUTSOURCING THE PHARMACY DEPARTMENT AS A MEASURE TO ENSURE
9 PATIENT SAFETY AS RECOMMENDED BY YOUR ASSESSMENT?

10

11 **KAE ROBERTSON:** WE'VE PROVIDED THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND I
12 BELIEVE THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S DEPARTMENT
13 INFORMATION ON WHAT WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR AN OUTSOURCE
14 PHARMACY.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND DR. GARTHWAITE, WHAT IS THE TIME FRAME
17 FOR THIS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD?

18

19 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I DON'T KNOW THAT I KNOW. I'LL HAVE TO
20 FIND OUT.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PARDON?

23

24 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I DON'T KNOW. I'LL HAVE TO FIND OUT.

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. JANSSEN, DO YOU HAVE A TIME FRAME? YOU
2 KNOW, I DON'T...

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4 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** 60 DAYS.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT WAS THE ANSWER?

7

8 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WITHIN 60 DAYS. THEY'RE WORKING ON THE SCOPE
9 OF WORK.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WITHIN 60 DAYS. DOES THE CLINICAL
12 PHARMACIST'S WORK AREA CONTINUE TO BE A PROBLEM?

13

14 **KAE ROBERTSON:** IT DOES.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT DOES. SO WE HAVE ERRORS IN PERHAPS
17 DISPENSING OF MEDICATION?

18

19 **KAE ROBERTSON:** NO. WHAT WE HAVE-- AS YOU KNOW, WE PROVIDED A
20 COMPETENCY TEST TO ALL THE PHARMACISTS AND THOSE THAT DID NOT
21 PASS THE ANTIMICROBIAL SECTION, WE HAVE MOVED TO THE NOT
22 PASSING ANY OF THE ANTIMICROBIALS. ALL HOSPITALS HAVE
23 MEDICATION ERRORS. AND A MEDICATION ERROR DOES NOT MEAN THAT A
24 WRONG MEDICATION WAS NECESSARILY GIVEN TO A PATIENT BUT THERE
25 ARE A WHOLE VARIETY OF MEDICATION ERRORS. WE CONTINUE, LIKE



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1 ALL HOSPITALS IN THE U.S., TO HAVE THOSE MEDICATION ERRORS BUT
2 WE'VE NOT HAD ONES THAT HAVE RESULTED IN HARM TO A PATIENT.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HAVE ALL OF THE DEFICIENCIES IN THE OPERATING
5 ROOMS BEEN CORRECTED?

6

7 **KAE ROBERTSON:** NO. THE OPERATING ROOM IS STILL IN PROCESS OF
8 IMPROVEMENT. AS YOU KNOW, THERE IS A NEED FOR RENOVATION
9 THERE. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO ACTUALLY RELOCATE THE OPERATING
10 ROOMS IN ORDER TO ALLOW THE RENOVATIONS TO OCCUR IN THE
11 STERILE ENVIRONMENT. WE HAVE MADE PROGRESS IN TERMS OF
12 DEVELOPING RULES FOR PHYSICIANS TO BE IN THE OPERATING ROOM IN
13 ORDER FOR A CASE TO START. AS A RESULT OF THAT, YOU'LL SEE A
14 DECREASE IN ON-TIME STARTS BECAUSE WE WILL NOT PUT THE PATIENT
15 IN THE ROOM NOW UNTIL THE PHYSICIAN IS THERE. WE'VE ALSO
16 DEVELOPED A MECHANISM THROUGH THE O.R. GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
17 WHERE WE'RE NOW MONITORING WHETHER OR NOT PHYSICIANS SHOW UP
18 AND, IF THERE IS A NEED FOR SOME DISCIPLINE OR FEEDBACK TO THE
19 PHYSICIANS, IT'S GOING TO OCCUR THROUGH THAT COMMITTEE.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HAVE THE PROTOCOLS FOR STERILIZED INSTRUMENTS
22 BEEN IMPLEMENTED SO THAT THE INSTRUMENTS WILL NOT BE MIXED
23 WITH DIRTY INSTRUMENTS?

24

25 **KAE ROBERTSON:** THEY HAVE.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S NOW BEEN CORRECTED? MY FRUSTRATION IS-
3 - LET ME JUST ASK ONE MORE QUESTION. WHEN WILL THE BOARD
4 RECEIVE A REPORT REGARDING THE 10 CASES OF DISCIPLINE RELATED
5 TO NURSING AND MEDICAL STAFF?

6

7 **KAE ROBERTSON:** OUR REPORTS COMING TO YOU ON THE INDIVIDUAL
8 STAFF? I'M SORRY. I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT. I'LL CHECK WITH THE
9 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND FIGURE OUT WHAT WE OWE YOU.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MY CONCERN IS THAT WE CONTINUE TO MOVE AT A
12 SNAIL'S PACE ON A CRISES THAT EXISTS AND CONTINUES TO EXIST
13 WHERE PATIENTS' HEALTH IS BEING COMPROMISED BECAUSE OF FLAWS
14 WITHIN THE METHOD OF TREATING PATIENTS. THE BOARD HAS TAKEN
15 ACTION TO CLOSE THE TRAUMA CENTER AND THE BOARD HAS UNDER
16 CONSIDERATION THE OUTSOURCING OF THE MEDICAL CENTER, THAT
17 DECISION TO BE MADE IN A COUPLE MONTHS. BUT, AGAIN, WE APPEAR
18 TO NOT BE AGGRESSIVELY PURSUING THE NECESSARY CORRECTIONS TO
19 ENSURE THAT PEOPLE HAVE A CONFIDENCE WHEN THEY ENTER THAT
20 HOSPITAL THAT THEY'RE GOING TO BE GIVEN THE BEST QUALITY CARE
21 AND THERE AREN'T GOING TO BE A LOT OF MISTAKES, THERE AREN'T
22 GOING TO BE MISTAKES AND, YOU KNOW, MEDICINE PRESCRIBED TO
23 THEM WILL BE IN THE PROPER DOSAGE OR BE GIVEN TO THE RIGHT
24 PERSON, AND WE WON'T CONTINUE TO HAVE PROBLEMS AND THAT'S
25 WHY...



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2 **KAE ROBERTSON:** YOU KNOW, IN TERMS OF...

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ...I THINK, PEOPLE HAVE TO, YOU KNOW, AT THE
5 BEGINNING, NAVIGANT WASN'T THERE ON THE WEEKENDS. NOW YOU HAVE
6 PEOPLE THERE ON WEEKENDS BUT SOMEHOW WE'VE TAKEN THIS VERY
7 LIGHTLY. LIKE, WE PASS A MOTION, WE GIVE PEOPLE MONEY AND THEN
8 WE JUST GO ON TO SOMETHING ELSE. BUT AS LONG AS WE HAVE AN
9 OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE A MEDICAL TREATMENT TO THOSE WHO ARE IN
10 NEED, WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT PEOPLE WE
11 DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO ARE GOING TO EXPEDITE THE CORRECTIONS
12 AND ELIMINATE THE DEFICIENCIES TO GET THAT HOSPITAL ON ITS
13 FEET OR PROVIDE ANOTHER MEANS OF MEDICAL SERVICE FOR THE
14 COMMUNITY.

15

16 **KAE ROBERTSON:** JUST TO FOLLOW UP TO THAT, WE ARE NOT TAKING IT
17 LIGHTLY. WE ARE WORKING REALLY VERY HARD. IN TERMS OF
18 MEDICATION ERRORS, THEY WERE AT 67 IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY.
19 AND, FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, I BELIEVE THE REPORT SHOWS THAT
20 THEY ARE DOWN TO 14. ALL HOSPITALS HAVE MEDICATION ERRORS BUT
21 THERE HAVE BEEN SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS. THAT IS NOT SNAIL'S
22 PACE, TO BE ABLE TO MAKE THAT KIND OF REDUCTION OF 66% IN TWO
23 MONTHS. THERE ARE OTHER EXAMPLES OF IMPROVEMENT IN THE
24 PERFORMANCE MEASURES BUT WE WOULD NOT EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO
25 HAVE ALL PERFORMANCE MEASURES IMPROVED AT THIS POINT. IT'S



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1 BEEN SIX MONTHS AND IT TOOK MANY YEARS TO GET IN THIS
2 POSITION. WE'RE ANXIOUS TO GET THIS TURNED AROUND BUT IT IS
3 GOING TO CONTINUE TO TAKE TIME.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ONE THING I NOTICED, THOUGH, THAT YOUR REPORT
6 DOES NOT ADDRESS THE RESPONSES FROM THE CENTERS FOR
7 MEDICARE/MEDICAID SERVICES AND THE POTENTIAL DOWNSIZING OF
8 KING DREW IN THE EVENT REFORMS AT THE HOSPITAL ARE NOT
9 IMPLEMENTED ON THE TIME LINE THAT THE BOARD HAS REQUESTED OR
10 DIRECTED. AND YOUR REPORTS NEED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON WHAT
11 IS BEING IMPLEMENTED TO IMPROVE PATIENT CARE BY THE PATIENTS--
12 OR BY THE PHYSICIANS AND STAFF AT THAT FACILITY.

13

14 **KAE ROBERTSON:** THE CENTER FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES
15 RECEIVED OUR INITIAL ASSESSMENT AND AGREED THAT THEY WOULD NOT
16 COME BACK AS LONG AS THEY WERE RECEIVING THE REPORTS. AND NOW
17 THAT THEY HAVE PROVIDED THE FEEDBACK FROM THE SURVEY THAT WAS
18 DONE IN OCTOBER, ONCE THEY ACCEPT THAT PLAN OF CORRECTION,
19 THEY WOULD COME BACK IN ABOUT 90 DAYS AFTER THAT.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

22

23 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** SUPERVISORS, I'D JUST LIKE TO ADD,
24 EVERY MORNING AT 8:30, THERE'S A CONFERENCE CALL. THE
25 DEPARTMENT AND NAVIGANT ARE ON THAT CALL EVERY DAY. ISSUES ARE



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1 BROUGHT UP. THE FOLLOW-UP FROM THE PREVIOUS DAY IS DISCUSSED,
2 THEY'RE FOLLOWED THROUGH UPON. WE HAVE TAKEN NOW OVER 500
3 INDIVIDUAL ACTIONS. IN A GOVERNMENT INSTITUTION, TO OPEN 500
4 PERSONNEL CASES TO TRY TO FIND, YOU KNOW, INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE
5 NOT DOING THEIR JOBS WELL AND TO MOVE THEM OR TAKE ACTION TO
6 MAKE SURE THAT THEY DO IS, I DON'T THINK, TAKING IT NON-
7 SERIOUSLY. I THINK THAT IS TAKING IT VERY SERIOUSLY. YEAH, I
8 THINK THAT THIS IS...

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT WITH THE PHARMACY, YOU DISPENSE
11 MEDICATION DAILY, HOURLY, MINUTE BY MINUTE TO THOSE IN NEED
12 AND THEN THE IDEA, THE SUGGESTION COMING OUT RELATIVE TO
13 OUTSOURCING, WE MAY HAVE THAT REPORT IN 60 DAYS, WHAT ABOUT
14 THE PATIENTS IN THE MEANTIME?

15

16 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WELL, IN THE MEANTIME, INDIVIDUALS HAVE
17 BEEN TESTED, WE'RE BRINGING IN PHARMACISTS UNDER THE REGISTRY,
18 WE'RE DOUBLE-CHECKING, WE'RE BRINGING THE NUMBER OF MEDICATION
19 ERRORS DOWN DRAMATICALLY...

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE RESIDENCY IS NOT GOING TO HELP THE
22 PHARMACY.

23



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1 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I'M SORRY. REGISTRY. THAT'S JUST THE
2 ONLY WAY WE WERE ABLE TO HIRE INDIVIDUALS BECAUSE OF THE
3 SHORTAGE AND THE SALARY RATES.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OR HAVE AN IMMEDIATE SOLE SOURCING CONTRACT
6 UNTIL WE GET THAT FACILITY ON ITS FEET TO BE DISPENSING THE
7 MEDICATIONS BECAUSE WE READ WHERE, WHAT, ONE CANCER VICTIM
8 RECEIVED MEDICATION FOR, WHAT-- FOR WHAT? MENINGITIS PATIENT
9 RECEIVED CANCER TREATMENT OR CANCER MEDICATION FOR MENINGITIS?
10 YOU KNOW, A PATIENT-- AGAIN...

11

12 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** RIGHT, WELL, SIGNIFICANT CHANGES SINCE
13 THEN HAVE BEEN MADE TO, YOU KNOW, TO ALLEVIATE WHAT-- THE
14 SITUATION THAT LED TO THAT PARTICULAR MISADMINISTRATION.

15

16 **KAE ROBERTSON:** AND IF THERE IS ANY WAY TO WORK WITH EVERYONE
17 TO EXPEDITE THAT OUTSOURCING REQUEST, I THINK WE COULD TRY TO
18 FOLLOW UP ON THAT.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** WHEN YOU'RE FINISHED, I JUST HAVE A COUPLE OF
21 QUESTIONS.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. NEXT WE HAVE-- THANK YOU VERY
24 MUCH. DO YOU WANT TO ASK YOUR QUESTION NOW?

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1 **SUP. BURKE:** I JUST HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS.

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3 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY. MS. BURKE.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE:** I WAS OUT AT THE PHARMACY LAST WEEK AND I DIDN'T
6 GET THE IMPRESSION THAT THERE WAS A LACK OF STAFF. THAT'S THE
7 THING THAT I GUESS I MISSED BECAUSE, IN QUESTIONING THE STAFF,
8 THEY SEEMED TO-- THERE WAS NOT A LONG LINE AND ALSO THERE WAS--
9 - SET UP THIS WAITING ROOM IN ONE AREA FOR PHARMACY. SO HOW DO
10 YOU JUDGE THE AMOUNT OF STAFF YOU NEED FOR THE PHARMACY? WHAT
11 IS THE MEASURE ON THAT?

12

13 **KAE ROBERTSON:** THE MEASURE FOR PHARMACY STAFF WOULD BE ON
14 DOSES ADMINISTERED BOTH INPATIENT AND OUTPATIENT. YOU MAY NOT
15 HAVE NOTICED A LONG LINE BECAUSE WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON TRYING
16 TO IMPROVE THE LINE SITUATION BUT THE REASON FOR LOOKING AT
17 OUTSOURCING OF PHARMACY IS THAT, WHEN YOU COMBINE OUTPATIENT
18 AND INPATIENT PHARMACY STAFF, 75% OF THEM ARE CURRENTLY
19 REGISTRY. SO WE ARE BASICALLY OUTSOURCING THE PHARMACY WITHOUT
20 HAVING THE BENEFIT OF HAVING IT MANAGED WITHIN ONE CONTRACT
21 AND BEING ABLE TO HOLD SOMEONE ACCOUNTABLE FOR THAT.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** NOW, IF YOU OUTSOURCE THE PHARMACY, WILL THAT
24 INCLUDE THE PEOPLE WHO DELIVER TO THE WARD OR WILL IT CONTINUE
25 TO BE COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHO DELIVER THE MEDICATION?



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2 **KAE ROBERTSON:** IT'S PREMATURE TO KNOW WHAT THE OUTSOURCING
3 CONTRACT WOULD BE UNTIL THERE'S SOME DISCUSSION OF WHETHER OR
4 NOT THAT'S EVEN A VIABLE SOLUTION.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** MY RECOLLECTION IS ONE OF THE ISSUES YOU RAISED IS
7 THE TIME IT WAS TAKING FOR MEDICATION TO BE DISTRIBUTED AND
8 DELIVERED TO THE WARD FROM THE PHARMACY.

9

10 **KAE ROBERTSON:** IT'S NOT ONLY THE TIME FOR DELIVERY BUT THE
11 TIME FROM WHEN THE ORDER WAS WRITTEN, TO ORDER BEING INTO THE
12 PHARMACY, BEING FILLED IN THE PHARMACY, BEING DELIVERED TO THE
13 UNIT AND THE NURSE THEN ADMINISTERING THE MEDICATION TO THE
14 PATIENT AND THAT TOTAL ELAPSED TIME FROM ORDER TO THE PATIENT
15 RECEIVING THEIR MEDICATION WAS LONGER THAN THE BENCHMARKS WE
16 EXPECT TO SEE.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** I HOPE THAT THAT'S INCLUDED, THE DELIVERY IS
19 INCLUDED IN TERMS OF OUTSOURCING IF YOU START TALKING ABOUT
20 OUTSOURCING THE PHARMACY. I WANTED TO FIND OUT, WHAT WAS THE
21 DELAY IN OPERATING ROOM? IS THERE SOMETHING THAT HAS TO COME
22 FROM SOMEWHERE ELSE? DO YOU HAVE EVERYTHING IN ORDER TO MOVE
23 FORWARD WITH THE RENOVATION OF THE OPERATING ROOMS? ARE THE
24 CONTRACTS LED? OR HOW IS THAT WORKING?

25



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1 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** PART OF THE BUDGET...

2

3 **SUP. BURKE:** IS THE C.A.O...

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5 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** IT'S ALL IN PROCESS AND, LIKE ANYTHING ELSE,
6 IT TAKES TIME. O.S.H.P.O.D. HAS GUARANTEED A EXPEDITED REVIEW
7 BUT IT'S IN DESIGN NOW. THERE'S NOT A MONEY ISSUE THAT I'M
8 AWARE OF BUT IT DOES HAVE TO GET APPROVED BY THE STATE BEFORE
9 WE CAN GO AHEAD AND MAKE THE CHANGES.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** THE OPERATING ROOM HAS TO BE SUBMITTED, THE DESIGN
12 HAS TO BE SUBMITTED TO O.S.H.P.O.D.?

13

14 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** THEN THEY HAVE TO APPROVE IT?

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18 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** AND THEN IT HAS TO COME BACK TO US FOR-- TO START
21 CONSTRUCTION...

22

23 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** CORRECT.

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE:** I SEE. I WASN'T AWARE THAT OSHPOD HAD TO APPROVE
2 IT. ARE WE GETTING ALL OF THE A.C.G.M.E. REPORTS FROM EACH
3 DEPARTMENT AT DREW? I HAVE A BOOK AND I HAVE ALL OF THE
4 A.C.G.M.E. REPORTS OVER THE YEARS AS IT RELATES TO EACH
5 DEPARTMENT AT DREW AND-- WHICH SETS FORTH THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE
6 WHO PASS THE BOARD AS WELL AS ISSUES THAT ARE RAISED BY
7 A.C.G.M.E. IN EACH DEPARTMENT, BUT SOME OF MINE ARE MISSING
8 BECAUSE I WAS TOLD THAT THE REASON IN THE CONTRACT WE ASK FOR
9 A.C.G.M.E. TO HAVE DIRECT REGISTRATION WITH THE COUNTY INSTEAD
10 OF DREW WAS BECAUSE DREW HAD TAKEN A POSITION THAT THEY DID
11 NOT TURN OVER ALL OF THE A.C.G.M.E. REPORTS. DO WE NOW HAVE
12 ALL OF THOSE?

13

14 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WE'RE GETTING THOSE IN DR. CHERNOFF'S
15 OFFICE. WE DO BELIEVE A COUPLE WERE DELAYED AND WE DID IMPOSE
16 A SANCTION, AS ALLOWED IN OUR CONTRACT.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO GET COPIES BECAUSE I'D LIKE TO BRING
19 MY BOOK UP TO DATE. AS THEY COME IN, COULD I GET COPIES OF
20 THOSE? ALL RIGHT.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE ONE SPEAKER. DR.
23 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. IF YOU'D JOIN US, PLEASE. THANK YOU, DR.
24 GARTHWAITE, MS. ROBERTSON.

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHILE SHE'S COMING UP, ON PAGE 29 OF
2 NAVIGANT, IT STATES THEY SHOULD GIVE SERIOUS NATURE OF THE
3 ISSUES, ALL ALTERNATIVES FOR IMPROVING QUALITY OF PATIENT
4 SAFETY AND SERVICES WHICH WOULD INCLUDE OUTSOURCING SHOULD BE
5 EVALUATED. AT THE PHARMACY, THEY DO A DESIGN FOR A VOLUME OF
6 230 SCRIPTS PER DAY, AVERAGE 850 TO 900 AND THE I.V. ROOM IS
7 NOT COMPLIANT WITH THE U.S.P. CHAPTER 79 REGULATIONS AND THE
8 PHARMACIST'S WORK AREA IS DESIGNED FOR TWO DESKS AND THEY HAVE
9 FIVE DESKS. A HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE OUTPATIENT STAFF ARE
10 REGISTRY. 35% OF THE INPATIENT STAFF ARE REGISTRY.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE:** WAS THAT BEFORE IT MOVED?

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S THE JULY-- JANUARY 3RD, 200...

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT THAT WAS BEFORE IT WAS MOVED, I THINK.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS IS NAVIGANT'S ASSESSMENT.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** NO, I MEAN BUT AFTER WE GOT THAT, I THOUGHT
21 PHARMACY, PART OF PHARMACY SET UP, SOME RELOCATION AND SAT UP
22 A WAITING ROOM AND A NUMBER OF OTHER THINGS.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** (OFF-MIKE)

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE:** OUTPATIENT PHARMACY IS BEING RELOCATED. AFTER THAT
2 REPORT, THE NEXT THING WAS TO RELOCATE IT AND IT'S BEING
3 RELOCATED WHERE?

4

5 **SPEAKER:** (OFF-MIKE).

6

7 **SUP. BURKE:** OUTPATIENT PHARMACY IS BEING RELOCATED TO TRAUMA
8 CENTER?

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** COULD WE GET A CLARIFICATION OF THAT,
11 PLEASE?

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** WHERE IS THE PHARMACY-- OUTPATIENT PHARMACY BEING
14 RELOCATED?

15

16 **SPEAKER:** (OFF-MIKE).

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT I KNOW IT WAS TO BE RELOCATED AFTER THAT...

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NAVIGANT COULD GIVE US A REPORT ON THAT,
21 BECAUSE THEY CAN'T FIND THE INFORMATION, SO IF YOU FIND IT,
22 PLEASE LET US KNOW.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THEY WOULD LIKE A REPORT ON THE PHARMACY
25 RELOCATION. ALL RIGHT. DR. CLAVREUL.



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2 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES. GOOD AFTERNOON. DR. GENEVIEVE
3 CLAVREUL. A FEW WEEKS AGO, I QUESTIONED DR. GARTHWAITE'S
4 QUALIFICATION, AND HIS NOT HAVING A LICENSE TO PRACTICE
5 MEDICINE IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. AND I AM READING A
6 RESPONSE TO ONE OF THE PRESS INQUIRY ABOUT THE POSITION OF
7 GARTHWAITE AND HIS QUALIFICATION. AND, YOU KNOW, IS VERY
8 AMAZING HOW YOUR BOARD ALWAYS REDEFINES EVERYTHING. AND TO
9 READ THAT, YOUR BOARD MOTION WAS DR. GARTHWAITE WAS HIRED AND
10 THE RESPONSE IS THE BOARD MOTION REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT
11 ALSO INDICATED THAT DR. GARTHWAITE WAS TO PERFORM THE DUTY OF
12 MEDICAL DIRECTOR. DR. GARTHWAITE WAS NOT APPOINTED TO THE
13 POSITION OF MEDICAL DIRECTOR BUT PERFORMED THE DUTY OF THE
14 MEDICAL DIRECTOR TO SUBORDINATE STAFF WHO HAVE THE REQUISITE
15 MEDICAL CREDENTIALS, CALIFORNIA STATE QUALIFICATION, ET
16 CETERA. YOU KNOW, IT'S UNBELIEVABLE THAT SOMEBODY WHO IS NOT
17 TO SUPPOSED TO PERFORM IN THAT POSITION CONSTANTLY SIGNS EVERY
18 LETTER AND EVERY ACTION HE MAKES TO DIRECTOR OF HEALTH
19 SERVICES AND CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER. THIS IS FRAUD. AND I DON'T
20 CARE HOW YOU, YOU KNOW, YOU-- YOU CALL IT. AND THE RESPONSE
21 FROM MR. MICHAEL HENRI SAID DR. GARTHWAITE MAY USE THE
22 FUNCTIONAL TITLE OF CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER. HOWEVER, THE
23 POSITION IS HOLD. IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, HE'S DIRECTOR
24 OF HEALTH SERVICES, NOT OF CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER. HOW CAN YOU
25 EXPECT KING DREW OR ANY OTHER PEOPLE WORKING FOR DR.



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1 GARTHWAITE TO BEHAVE APPROPRIATELY WHEN HE HIMSELF IS A
2 PRETEND AND A FRAUD? HE IS NOT THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER. HE'S
3 THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES. AND, YOU KNOW, THAT'S
4 RIDICULOUS. AND I THINK YOU SHOULD STOP THE MISREPRESENTATION
5 BECAUSE IT IS TRUE MISREPRESENTATION. YOU HAVE A TOTAL
6 DYSFUNCTIONAL D.H.S. FROM THE TOP DOWN. WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO
7 TAKE ACTION? IT'S UNBELIEVABLE THAT YOU ALLOW ONE OF YOUR
8 EMPLOYEES TO CONSISTENTLY MISREPRESENT HIMSELF, USING A TITLE
9 HE'S NOT ENTITLED TO. IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU DO YOUR JOB. BUT,
10 NEVER FEAR, BECAUSE WE ARE GOING TO REGISTRY, THE COUNTY OF
11 LOS ANGELES AND WE ARE GOING TO REMOVE MANY OF YOU AND WE ARE
12 GOING TO GO FROM 5 TO 11 AND WE'LL BE SUCCESSFUL IN THAT
13 BECAUSE YOU ARE NOT DOING YOUR JOB. FIRE DR. GARTHWAITE. AND
14 ALSO, MR. FRED LEAF, HE JUST HAS A B.A. I DON'T THINK IS
15 QUALIFIED FOR THE JOB, EITHER.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THAT CONCLUDES. THIS IS A
18 REPORT. THERE IS NO ACTION, SO IT'S RECEIVE AND FILE. NEXT,
19 I'D LIKE TO CALL UP ITEM NUMBER 2 AND ASK DR. SANDERS TO JOIN
20 US. AND WHILE HE'S COMING UP, I'M GOING TO READ IN A MOTION
21 THAT I HAVE. ON JUNE 2003, SHORTLY AFTER THE CLOSURE OF THE--
22 OH, IT'S ON THE AGENDA SO I DON'T NEED TO READ IT. GOOD. ALL
23 RIGHT. THIS IS, AGAIN, ASKING FOR A REPORT ON THE EMERGENCY
24 ROOM-- EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMAND POST AS FAR AS OVERSTAYS AND
25 ASKING FOR A RESPONSE BACK. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING



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1 TO ADD TO THIS AS FAR AS CORRECTIVE ACTIONS, DR. SANDERS, BUT
2 WE'D APPRECIATE HEARING IT. WE HAVE A COUPLE OF PEOPLE THAT
3 WISH TO TESTIFY ON THIS ITEM.

4

5 **DAVID SANDERS:** SURE. THERE ARE-- THIS HAS BEEN AN ISSUE THAT,
6 AS A DEPARTMENT, WE HAVE NOTICED AN INCREASE IN THE USE OF THE
7 COMMAND POST. I WANT TO CLARIFY THAT WE USE A FOUR-HOUR LIMIT
8 AS TRACKING FOR OUR OWN PURPOSES AND WE NOTICED AN INCREASE IN
9 THE NUMBER OF YOUTH THAT WERE STAYING AT THE COMMAND POST FOR
10 FOUR HOURS OR MORE. SO WE TOOK A LOOK AT-- VERY COMPREHENSIVE
11 REVIEW, ACTUALLY, OF YOUTH WHO HAD BEEN IN THE COMMAND POST TO
12 BETTER UNDERSTAND THE ISSUE AND TO NOT IMPLEMENT CHANGES THAT
13 WOULD BE EITHER INEFFECTIVE OR ONLY SHORT-TERM. THERE ARE A
14 COUPLE OF PIECES THAT I WILL INFORM THE BOARD OF TODAY AND
15 THEN GET A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT NEXT WEEK. ONE IS, AT
16 THIS VERY MOMENT, WE ARE PROVIDING AN ORIENTATION SESSION TO
17 APPROXIMATELY 50 FOSTER HOMES AND WE HAVE A SIMILAR NUMBER
18 TOMORROW WHO ARE-- WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED AS POTENTIAL SHELTER
19 FOSTER HOMES THAT WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO TAKE YOUTH. WE
20 ANTICIPATE THAT THE ENTIRE PROCESS TO BRING ON ADDITIONAL
21 SHELTER HOMES WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY FOUR WEEKS. WE'RE ALSO
22 CONTINUING TO WORK WITH A NUMBER OF GROUP HOMES TO CREATE SOME
23 POSSIBLE BEDS IN SOME GROUP HOME FACILITIES. THE COMPREHENSIVE
24 REVIEW SUGGESTED THAT THE-- THAT THE POPULATION AT THE COMMAND
25 POSTS ARE GENERALLY A POPULATION OF YOUTH THAT HAVE BEEN



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1 DISCHARGED PREMATURELY, KICKED OUT, IN OTHER WORDS, OF FOSTER
2 HOMES AND GROUP HOMES AND OUR GROUP HOME CONTRACT WE BELIEVE
3 PROVIDES US SOME INFORMATION ABOUT THE-- PROVIDES US SOME
4 EXPECTATIONS FOR GROUP HOMES, AND WE ANTICIPATE THAT, BY THE
5 END OF AUGUST, WE WILL HAVE OUR FIRST REPORT ON OVERALL
6 PERFORMANCE OF GROUP HOMES AND WE'LL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THAT
7 TO THE BOARD. THAT SHOULD HELP US IN THE SELECTION AND HELP US
8 IN REDUCING THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO ARE DISCHARGED
9 PREMATURELY AND ENDING UP IN THE COMMAND POST.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WELL, I LOOK FORWARD TO THE
12 EXTENSIVE REPORT BUT IT JUST SEEMS THAT SOMETHING, THERE'S
13 JUST NOT MANAGEMENT OF THESE OVERSTAYS, AND IT'S GETTING TO BE
14 A LITTLE BIT OF A PROBLEM FOR US. A LITTLE BIT. QUITE A
15 PROBLEM FOR US. AND YOU KNOW, WITH THE NEW LICENSING
16 AGREEMENTS, THERE'S GOING TO BE MORE OF A PROBLEM FOR US IF WE
17 DON'T CORRECT IT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

18

19 **DAVID SANDERS:** YEAH. WE ACTUALLY BELIEVE THAT THE-- FROM OUR
20 REVIEW OF THESE YOUTH, THAT THE EXPANSION-- AND I SHOULD
21 MENTION THAT THE RECRUITMENT OF THESE FOSTER HOMES IS VERY
22 TARGETED FOR THE POPULATION THAT WE'VE IDENTIFIED AND THERE
23 ARE ADDITIONAL SUPPORTS THAT WE'VE IDENTIFIED TO BE PROVIDED,
24 LIKE 24-HOUR NURSING, LIKE ADDITIONAL TRAINING FOR MENTAL
25 HEALTH, ET CETERA, THAT WE THINK WILL ACTUALLY STRENGTHEN THE



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1 SHELTER FOSTER HOME PROGRAM AND WE THINK THAT WILL BE A
2 PRIMARY-- A PRIMARY RESPONSE TO THIS.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE ANTHONY
5 BRAVO THAT WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE. WE HAVE DOROTHY
6 LOEHL AS WELL AS BRUCE SALTZER. IF THEY WOULD JOIN US.

7

8 **ANTHONY BRAVO:** YES. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ANTHONY BRAVO,
9 I AM PRESIDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CHAPTER OF S.E.I.U.
10 LOCAL 535. AND I AM HERE TODAY TO SPEAK TO THE RECENT HEADLINE
11 IN THE "L.A. TIMES" WHICH READ, "CHILDREN SLEPT IN THE
12 OFFICE," AND ON THE MOTION BY THE BOARD WHICH ADDRESSES THE
13 ISSUE OF CHILDREN SLEEPING AT THE BORAX BUILDING BECAUSE A
14 LACK OF OTHER RESOURCES. FIRST OF ALL, THIS PROBLEM SHOULD NOT
15 COME AS SHOCKING NEWS TO ANYONE. IN FACT, MANY OF US SAW THIS
16 COMING WHEN MACLAREN CHILDREN'S CENTER WAS CLOSED WITH NO
17 ALTERNATIVE PLAN TO DEAL WITH THESE VERY DIFFICULT AND HARD-
18 TO-PLACE SEGMENT OF OUR D.C.F. YOUTH POPULATION. AT THAT TIME,
19 WE ASKED THE QUESTION, WHEN FOSTER HOMES REFUSE TO ACCEPT
20 THESE CHILDREN, THEN WHAT? TODAY, WE STILL ASK THAT VERY SAME
21 QUESTION. UNFORTUNATELY, THE ANSWER AT THIS TIME IS, THE BORAX
22 BUILDING. I THINK WE ALL AGREE THAT HAVING CHILDREN AND YOUTH
23 SLEEP IN AN OFFICE BUILDING IS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE AND THIS
24 PRACTICE MUST STOP. ANOTHER PORTION OF THIS ARTICLE MADE
25 REFERENCE TO THE PARAMOUNT ASSESSMENT CENTER. WELL, THIS



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1 ASSESSMENT CENTER WAS NEVER INTENDED TO HOLD THESE TYPES OF
2 YOUTH. THAT CENTER WAS BASICALLY TO BRING IN CHILDREN THAT
3 WERE NEW TO THE SYSTEM, THAT NEEDED AN ASSESSMENT, THAT NEEDED
4 TO HAVE PROBLEMS IDENTIFIED. THESE CHILDREN-- THIS SEGMENT OF
5 THE YOUTH POPULATION, THEY DON'T NEED AN ASSESSMENT. WE HAVE
6 ASSESSMENTS FOR THEM. WE HAVE DIAGNOSES FOR THEM IN THEIR CASE
7 FILES. THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM. WHAT IS NEEDED FOR THEM IS A
8 LONG-TERM FOSTER CARE PLAN, SOMEONE TO BE ABLE TO COME FORWARD
9 AND PROVIDE LONG-TERM FOSTER CARE FOR THESE CHILDREN. MANY OF
10 THESE CHILDREN HAVE SPECIALIZED NEEDS WHICH, AT THIS TIME, NO
11 ONE IS WILLING TO STEP FORWARD AND PROVIDE. WE DO HAVE A
12 SERIES OF GROUP HOMES, WHICH ARE LEVEL 14 AND LEVEL 12 IN
13 PLACE AND THESE HOMES ARE SUPPOSED TO BE IN PLACE IN THE
14 BUSINESS OF PROVIDING SERVICES TO THIS EXACT POPULATION.
15 UNFORTUNATELY, THEY HAVE NOT. FOR THE KIND OF MONEY THAT THEY
16 GET, WHICH IS CLOSE TO \$10,000 PER CHILD, THEY SHOULD BE ABLE-
17 - AVAILABLE ON A 24-HOUR BASIS TO RECEIVE THESE YOUTH AND
18 PROVIDE THEM WITH A PLACE TO STAY. UNFORTUNATELY, BECAUSE OF
19 THE WAY THEIR CONTRACTS ARE STRUCTURED, THEY DO NOT HAVE TO DO
20 THIS AND, HENCE, THEY DON'T. SO SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE
21 ABOUT THAT. THERE IS ALSO ANOTHER SEGMENT OF THIS POPULATION
22 AND THAT IS THE CHILDREN WHO DISPLAY DELINQUENT AND CRIMINAL
23 BEHAVIOR. THOSE CHILDREN ARE ALSO THE RESPONSIBILITY OF
24 D.C.F.S. NOW, IN SOME OF THE CASES HERE, WE DO HAVE WHAT WE
25 CALL A 241.1 JOINT AGREEMENT WITH PROBATION. THEORETICALLY,



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1 WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CARE OF THESE
2 CHILDREN. IN REALITY, D.C.F.S. PROVIDES 90% OF THE
3 SUPERVISION, YET WE DON'T HAVE THE RESOURCES THAT PROBATION
4 HAS AND SOME OF THESE CHILDREN, AS THE DIRECTOR POINTED OUT,
5 RUN AWAY FROM FOSTER HOMES, ARE OUT IN THE STREET, THEY REFUSE
6 PLACEMENT, AND THERE'S VERY LITTLE WE CAN DO FOR THEM. SO WE
7 NEED TO LOOK AT THIS 241.1 AGREEMENT WITH PROBATION AND MAKE
8 WHATEVER MODIFICATIONS NEED TO BE MADE SO THAT WE CAN GET
9 SERIOUS ABOUT MEETING THE NEEDS OF THIS TARGET POPULATION.
10 THERE IS ALSO A THIRD GROUP. THOSE ARE THE YOUNG ADULTS WHICH
11 NOW ARE 18 TO 21 YEARS OLD. AND BECAUSE OF THEIR SPECIFIC
12 PROBLEMS, THEY DO NOT QUALIFY FOR EMANCIPATION SERVICES,
13 BECAUSE THE CRITERIA TO EMANCIPATE IS THAT THE MINOR, AT THAT
14 TIME A MINOR, MUST DEMONSTRATE THE ABILITY TO SUCCESSFULLY
15 EMANCIPATE BUT THIS TARGET POPULATION HAS SEVERAL ISSUES:
16 MENTAL ISSUES, PROBLEMS THAT THEY CANNOT SUCCESSFULLY
17 EMANCIPATE. HENCE, THEY ARE WITHOUT RESOURCES AND THE
18 RESOURCES WITH THEM ARE EXTREMELY LIMITED, YET WE HAVE FULL
19 RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR CARE. SO BASICALLY WHAT WE NEED IS WE
20 NEED CHANGES, WE NEED CHANGES TO THE SYSTEM TO BE ABLE TO MEET
21 THE NEEDS OF THESE PEOPLE, OF THIS POPULATION. NOW, LAST...

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. BRAVO, LET ME ASK YOU A QUESTION.

24

25 **ANTHONY BRAVO:** YES.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IN THE OVERSTAYS, ISN'T THERE, EVERY
3 SINGLE DAY, A SERIES OF EMERGENCY BEDS AVAILABLE FOR THESE
4 CHILDREN?

5

6 **ANTHONY BRAVO:** AT THE COMMAND POST? WELL, THE PROBLEM IS THAT
7 SOME OF THESE YOUTH...

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IS THERE OR IS THERE NOT?

10

11 **ANTHONY BRAVO:** THERE ARE SOME BEDS, BUT THEY'RE INSUFFICIENT
12 IN NUMBER AND THE...

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO, DO YOU KNOW, IN THE COMMAND POST, DO
15 THEY MAKE AN AVERAGE OF HOW MANY BEDS ARE NEEDED ON AVERAGE?

16

17 **ANTHONY BRAVO:** I DON'T THINK THAT THEY CAN BRING THE COPS IN
18 AND OUT OF THERE TO ACCOUNT FOR THE INFLUX OR, YOU KNOW-- IF
19 THE POPULATION GOES UP OR DOWN, I DON'T THINK THEY CAN DO
20 THAT.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THE ISSUE IS NOW ARE OVERSTAYS. SO MY--
23 I'M WONDERING, IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THE COMMAND POST, WHICH IS
24 SUPPOSED TO TAKE COMMAND OF THESE CHILDREN, THEY SHOULD BE



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1 IMMEDIATELY PLACED, AND SO IS THE PROBLEM-- I MEAN WHETHER
2 THAT THERE AREN'T PLACEMENTS AVAILABLE FOR THEM?

3

4 **ANTHONY BRAVO:** THERE AREN'T PLACEMENTS AVAILABLE FOR THEM.
5 MANY OF THIS TARGET POPULATION, THEY'VE EXHAUSTED RELATIVES,
6 THEY'VE BEEN REMOVED FROM FOSTER HOMES AND GROUP HOMES...

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I UNDERSTAND ALL THE REASONS WHY THEY'RE
9 THERE.

10

11 **ANTHONY BRAVO:** RIGHT.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THE ISSUE IS, THOUGH, THAT ONE OF THE
14 THINGS, THE CONDITIONS WERE THAT, WELL, WE HAD A COMMAND POST,
15 THAT THERE WERE SUPPOSED TO BE THOSE EMERGENCY BEDS. DR.
16 SANDERS, IS THAT THE BIGGEST PROBLEM, IS THAT THERE IS NOT A
17 PLACEMENT OR THAT THESE FOLKS ARE NOT PLACING THEM?

18

19 **DAVID SANDERS:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, LET ME JUST PROVIDE A BRIEF
20 CONTEXT. OF THE YOUTH BROUGHT INTO COMMAND POST, ABOUT 76% END
21 UP IN A PLACEMENT SETTING WITHIN FOUR HOURS. ONE OF THE
22 CHANGES THAT WE MADE WAS THAT, BASED ON OUR NUMBERS, WE FOUND
23 THAT RELATIVE PLACEMENT OUT OF COMMAND POST ARE MORE STABLE
24 THAN OTHER SETTINGS AND SO WE HAVE BEGUN TO LOOK MORE
25 AGGRESSIVELY FOR RELATIVES AND THAT ADDS TO THE TIME THAT A



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1 YOUTH MAY WAIT. THEY MAY END UP IN A RELATIVE PLACEMENT, WE DO
2 THE SEARCH THAT NIGHT AND BRING IN THE RELATIVE TO DO THE
3 BACKGROUND CHECK AND SO FORTH. SO THE POPULATION THAT IS LEFT
4 IS THE POPULATION THAT, TODAY, THE RESOURCES WILL NOT ACCEPT,
5 AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO ADDRESS WITH THIS GROUP, BOTH
6 THE CONTRACT AND THE RECRUITMENT.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THEN THAT SPEAKS COUNTERS TO WHAT A
9 COMMAND POST IS SUPPOSED TO DO. IF YOU CAN'T FULFILL A
10 PLACEMENT IN FOUR HOURS BECAUSE YOU HAVEN'T COMPLETED THE
11 PROCESS, THEN YOU NEED SOMETHING DIFFERENT THAN A COMMAND
12 POST.

13

14 **DAVID SANDERS:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, IF WE IDENTIFY A RELATIVE
15 AND DO THE RELATIVE SEARCH, THAT PROCESS TAKES US THREE OR
16 FOUR HOURS.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I UNDERSTAND. I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE
19 SAYING BUT YOU JUST SAID TO ME THAT THESE ARE THE MOST STABLE
20 PLACEMENTS AND SOMETIMES IT TAKES MORE, TAKES LONGER. THE
21 PROBLEM IS, WE DON'T WANT THESE OVERSTAYS. SO EITHER YOU HAVE
22 ONE OR YOU HAVE THE OTHER. IF YOU HAVE TO CREATE A TEMPORARY
23 SITUATION, THEN IT SHOULD BE A TEMPORARY SITUATION THAT
24 STABILIZES FOR THAT CHILD. I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY, WHILE
25 YOU'RE BUSY LOOKING OR TRYING TO CLARIFY FOR A RELATIVE, YOU



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1 CAN'T PUT THEM IN AN EMERGENCY BED SO AT LEAST HE HAS SOME
2 STABILITY AT LEAST TO SLEEP THE NIGHT INSTEAD OF STAYING AT
3 THE COMMAND POST.

4

5 **DAVID SANDERS:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, THAT IS WITH THE ADDITIONAL
6 RECRUITMENT OF THE HOMES THAT WE'RE DOING. I WANT TO GO BACK
7 TO THE RECRUITMENT THAT WAS DONE A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO FOR
8 YOUTH OUT OF THE COMMAND POST. BECAUSE WE HADN'T DONE THE KIND
9 OF ANALYSIS THAT WE HAVE NOW, THE HOMES THAT WERE NOT
10 RECRUITED WERE NOT SPECIFICALLY RECRUITED FOR THE EXACT
11 POPULATION THAT'S AT THE COMMAND POST. WE ALSO DIDN'T HAVE THE
12 IMMEDIATE SUPPORTS AVAILABLE. BOTH OF THOSE ARE BEING BUILT IN
13 NOW. SO WE THINK THAT THE NEW HOMES THAT COME IN WILL BE
14 BETTER PREPARED TO TAKE YOUTH WHO ARE 16, 17, 18, AT TWO IN
15 THE MORNING THAT MIGHT BE JUST HAVING BEEN BROUGHT IN BY THE
16 POLICE, THAT THEY'LL BE BETTER PREPARED WITH THE SUPPORT AND
17 WITH THE EXPECTATION THAT THAT'S WHO THEY'RE TAKING.

18

19 **ANTHONY BRAVO:** I HAVE ONE MORE THING TO ADD BEFORE I'M DONE,
20 AND THAT IS I JUST WANT TO POINT OUT TO THE BOARD THAT, LAST
21 YEAR, THE VOTERS OF CALIFORNIA RECOGNIZED THE NEED FOR MENTAL
22 HEALTH SERVICES, THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO LEVY A NEW
23 TAX. THIS TAX MONEY IS TO BE USED SPECIFICALLY TO MEET THE
24 NEEDS OF THE POPULATION OF YOUTH WE'RE DISCUSSING TODAY. IF
25 THE COUNTY HASN'T ALREADY DONE SO, WE URGE YOU TO EXPEDIENTLY



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1 LOOKING INTO UTILIZING PROP 63 MONEYS TO HELP DEAL WITH THE
2 NEEDS OF THESE YOUTH. ALSO, LOCAL 535 STANDS READY TO WORK
3 WITH D.C.F.S. IN A SPIRIT OF COOPERATION TO TRY AND COME TO A
4 RESOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. BRAVO. MISS LOEHL.

7

8 **DOROTHY LOEHL:** YES. I'VE BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
9 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES FOR 14 YEARS BECAUSE I LEFT A
10 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SITUATION THAT I'LL BE SPEAKING ON LATER.
11 THIS IS A TOP-DOWN PROBLEM. IF YOU TALK WITH SOCIAL WORKERS
12 THAT HAVE BEEN WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT, I'M LOOKING AT A LETTER
13 HERE FROM PEOPLE IN THE "L.A. TIMES," YOU KNOW, THE COMPLAINTS
14 ABOUT FOSTER CARE, AND EVERY PERSON IN THIS ARTICLE: BRUCE
15 SALTZER, NANCY RAMSAYER AND KRISTEN POWERS ARE ALL DEALING
16 DIRECTLY WITH THE SYSTEM AND THEY EACH HAVE A DIFFERENT
17 COMPLAINT THAT'S WITH THE SYSTEM ITSELF AND SO YOU'RE ASKING
18 THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN AWARE OF THIS PROBLEM AND ALLOWED IT
19 TO EXIST TO NOW FIX IT. AND I THINK YOU NEED TO HAVE A TASK
20 FORCE ASSEMBLED THAT'S FROM MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY AND
21 RANDOM SOCIAL WORKERS, BOTH NEW AND OLD, TO LOOK INTO WHAT THE
22 PROBLEMS ARE. THERE ARE HOUSES IN THE COMMUNITY BUT THE SOCIAL
23 WORKERS ARE SO INEPT AND SO DIFFICULT TO DEAL WITH THAT THEY
24 WON'T TAKE THESE PLACEMENTS. LIKE THIS LADY IS A DOCTORATE AND
25 SHE'S READY TO QUIT THE SYSTEM. I HAVE A CHILD THAT'S BEEN IN



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1 PLACEMENT FOR FOUR MONTHS WITHOUT ANYBODY EVER TALKING TO
2 ANYONE OR ANY ALLEGATIONS BEING MADE. NONE. 13 YEARS, I'VE
3 BEEN THE CUSTODIAL PARENT OF MY CHILD. YOU ALSO HAVE THEM ALL
4 ON MEDI-CAL AND IT'S NOT THE DIRECTIVE OF THE POLICY OR THE
5 DEPARTMENT TO SHOVE THESE KIDS THROUGH MEDI-CAL. A LOT OF THEM
6 HAVE PRIVATE INSURANCE. THEY'RE NOT UTILIZING THE PRIVATE
7 INSURANCE AND THEY'RE TAKING THE MENTAL HEALTHCARE SYSTEM,
8 THAT'S ALREADY OVERWHELMED, AND PUTTING THE CHILDREN--
9 PLUGGING THEM INTO THAT RATHER THAN UTILIZING MEDI-CAL-- I
10 MEAN, RATHER THAN USING THE PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE. SO WHY
11 WOULD A CHILD WHOSE PARENT MAKES \$150,000 A YEAR AND IS AN
12 EMPLOYEE OF THE CITY BE BURDENING THE MEDI-CAL SYSTEM AND THE
13 LOCAL SERVICE AGENCIES? IT'S JUST SOMETHING I'M NOT
14 UNDERSTANDING. AND WHY, IF I CAN'T GET CHILD SUPPORT AND I'M
15 HOMELESS BY A CITY EMPLOYEE, IS THE CHILD BEING PLACED IN
16 D.C.F.S. AT MORE MONEY THAN WHAT I WOULD GET IN CHILD SUPPORT?
17 THERE'S MORE ANSWERS TO THIS, I THINK, IF YOU WENT TO THE
18 COMMUNITY OF EXPERIENCED SOCIAL WORKERS AND PEOPLE THAT AREN'T
19 IN AN INSTITUTIONALIZED SETTING UP AT THIS LEVEL; THAT YOU
20 NEED TO POLL THE COMMUNITY OF ATTORNEYS, LIKE THIS LADY IS,
21 AND SERVICE AGENCIES TO COME TO MORE SOLUTIONS BECAUSE YOU'RE
22 ASKING THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN AWARE OF THIS PROBLEM FOR
23 YEARS TO FIX IT AND IT HASN'T BEEN FIXED IN ALL THESE YEARS.
24
25 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** DO YOU WANT TO SUMMARIZE, MISS LOEHL?



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2 **DOROTHY LOEHL:** JUST I THINK THAT YOU SHOULD FORM A TASK FORCE
3 ASKING FROM PEOPLE FROM THE COMMUNITY AND FROM THE LOCAL
4 FOSTER AGENCIES, FROM FOSTER PARENTS AND PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN
5 INVOLVED IN THE SYSTEM.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. SALTZER.

8

9 **BRUCE SALTZER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M BRUCE SALTZER REPRESENTING
10 THE ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICE AGENCIES.
11 A.C.H.S.A., WHICH REPRESENTS 75 NON-PROFIT COMMUNITY MENTAL
12 HEALTH AND CHILD WELFARE AGENCIES THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY
13 SUPPORTS THE GENERAL DIRECTION THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN
14 AND FAMILY SERVICES IS MOVING: TOWARD THE GOALS OF CHILD
15 SAFETY, PERMANENCE AND PLACEMENT IN THE LEAST RESTRICTIVE
16 SETTING MOST APPROPRIATE FOR EACH CHILD. AT THE SAME TIME, OUR
17 ASSOCIATION BELIEVES THAT A STRONG PUBLIC/PRIVATE
18 COLLABORATIVE WORKING RELATIONSHIP IS THE BEST WAY TO REACH
19 THESE GOALS. IN THAT VEIN, A.C.H.S.A. WOULD LIKE TO OFFER ITS
20 ASSISTANCE TO THE COUNTY AND THE DEPARTMENT IN COLLABORATIVELY
21 PROMOTING THREE CONCRETE THINGS THAT WILL ADDRESS THE ONGOING
22 PROBLEM OF FOSTER CHILDREN SPENDING THE NIGHT AT THE
23 DEPARTMENT'S EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMAND POST. FIRST, THE
24 DEVELOPMENT OF INTAKE RECEIVING CENTERS OR RECEPTION CENTERS
25 WHICH PROVIDE CHILDREN ENTERING FOSTER CARE WITH A CHILD-



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1 FRIENDLY SETTING, WHERE THEY CAN RECEIVE SHORT-TERM CARE OF
2 LESS THAN 24 HOURS AND SUPERVISION WHILE COUNTY SOCIAL WORKERS
3 LOCATE PLACEMENTS. RECEPTION CENTERS OPERATE VERY SUCCESSFULLY
4 TODAY IN OTHER CALIFORNIA COUNTIES SUCH AS CONTRA COSTA.
5 SECONDLY, THE DEVELOPMENT OF ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY CRISIS BEDS
6 FOR CHILDREN WHO NEED SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT. AND,
7 THIRD, THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FORMAL INDIVIDUALIZED CONTRACTING
8 PROCESS WHERE COMMUNITY AGENCIES CAN DEVELOP SPECIAL
9 INDIVIDUALIZED PLACEMENTS OR COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVES FOR THE
10 MOST DIFFICULT CHILDREN IN THE SYSTEM. WE UNDERSTAND THAT
11 D.C.F.S. DID THIS FOR SOME OF THE CHILDREN INVOLVED IN THE
12 K.D.A. LITIGATION AND WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE PROCESS
13 FORMALIZED. I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK BRIEFLY TO THE FIRST AND
14 THIRD OF THESE IDEAS. IN REVIEWING MY FILE ON RECEPTION
15 CENTERS, I'VE BEEN WORKING ON THIS FOR A COUPLE OF YEARS NOW,
16 I LOCATED A LONG BEACH PRESS TELEGRAM ARTICLE DATED JUNE 11TH,
17 2003, ENTITLED "KIDS' LONG STAY IN OFFICE CRITICIZED." IN THE
18 ARTICLE, IT WAS NOTED THAT THE BOARD VOTED TO EXPEDITE PLANS
19 TO TAKE \$680,000 IT WOULD HAVE SPENT ON MACLAREN TO RENOVATE A
20 SHUTTERED HEALTH CLINIC IN PARAMOUNT. TO QUOTE FROM THE
21 ARTICLE, "WHEN FINISHED, THE FIRST OF EIGHT EXPECTED 23-HOUR
22 RECEPTION CENTERS WOULD ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR CHILDREN TO
23 STAY AT THE COMMAND POST. IT WOULD BE EQUIPPED WITH BEDS,
24 SHOWERS AND FOODS SERVICES WHILE SOCIAL WORKERS AND OTHER
25 EXPERTS FIND PERMANENT HOMES OR MEDICAL CARE FACILITIES,



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1 OFFICIALS SAID." WITHOUT DWELLING ON THE PAST, WE BELIEVE THAT
2 IT IS, IN FACT, PAST TIME TO EXPEDITE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE
3 RECEPTION CENTERS AND WE STAND READY TO ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT
4 WITH THEIR DEVELOPMENT. AS I NOTED ABOVE, THESE RECEPTION
5 CENTERS OPERATE VERY SUCCESSFULLY TODAY IN CONTRA COSTA
6 COUNTY, FOR EXAMPLE, AND ARE ACTUALLY RUN THERE BY AN
7 A.C.H.S.A. MEMBER AGENCY. THE CONCEPT OF A FORMAL,
8 INDIVIDUALIZED CONTRACTING PROCESS WAS INCORPORATED INTO A
9 PLAN FOR HIGH NEEDS DEFENDANT YOUTH THAT A.C.H.S.A. DEVELOPED
10 IN SEPTEMBER OF 2004, WITH THE WORK GROUP CONSISTING OF
11 REPRESENTATIVES FROM A.C.H.S.A., D.C.F.S., D.M.H. AND THE
12 K.D.A. ATTORNEYS. AS DESCRIBED IN THAT PLAN, A CONTRACT
13 PROCUREMENT PROCESS SHOULD BE INSTITUTED WHEREBY AGENCIES ARE
14 INVITED TO DEVELOP A CHILD SPECIFIC PLACEMENT AND TREATMENT
15 SERVICE PACKAGE FOR HARDER-TO-PLACE AND TREAT CHILDREN. EITHER
16 THE COUNTY COULD IDENTIFY A A SET SUM OF MONEY FOR EACH CHILD,
17 BASED ON THE COST ESTIMATES OF CARING FOR THE CHILD, OR
18 AGENCIES COULD BID AGAINST EACH OTHER AND SUGGEST THEIR OWN
19 REIMBURSEMENT, BASED ON THE SERVICE PACKAGE THAT THEY PROPOSE.
20 WE BELIEVE THAT SUCH AN APPROACH, WHILE PRESENTING
21 IMPLEMENTATION CHALLENGES, OFFERS THE BEST POTENTIAL LONG-TERM
22 SOLUTION FOR HOW TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF THE MOST DIFFICULT
23 CHILDREN IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM. IN CLOSING, A.C.H.S.A.
24 WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD RE-COMMIT TO THE
25 DEVELOPMENT OF RECEPTION CENTERS IN L.A. COUNTY, AS WELL AS



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1 ENDORSE AN EXPLORATION OF HOW THE CONCEPT OF INDIVIDUALIZED
2 CONTRACTING CAN BE FORMALIZED AND IMPLEMENTED. WE WOULD ALSO
3 GREATLY APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK COLLABORATIVELY
4 WITH THE COUNTY ON BOTH OF THESE CRITICALLY IMPORTANT
5 ENDEAVORS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. SALTZER, ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OR THE
8 ADVICE THAT YOU'RE GIVING US, RIGHT NOW, IN THE PLACEMENT OF A
9 CHILD, ARE YOU INVOLVED AT ALL AS THE GROUP HOMES THAT ARE
10 INVOLVED IN THE ASSESSMENT AT SOME LEVEL?

11

12 **BRUCE SALTZER:** EACH CHILD, BASED ON THE SYSTEM THAT WE'VE
13 WORKED ON WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND IT HASN'T HAPPENED YET, IS
14 SUPPOSED TO BE ASSESSED WHEN THEY COME INITIALLY INTO OUT OF
15 HOME CARE. THAT'S THE THING WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON FOR MORE
16 THAN THREE YEARS. IT'S BEEN PILOTED NOW IN SERVICE AREA SIX,
17 IN PASADENA, AND IT'S WORKING. IT NEEDS NOW TO BE EXPANDED...

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** BUT ARE YOU INVOLVED IN THOSE ASSESSMENTS?

20

21 **BRUCE SALTZER:** ARE THE GROUP HOMES INVOLVED IN THESE
22 ASSESSMENTS? IN THE PILOT PROJECT, THE INITIAL SCREEN WHERE
23 CHILDREN COME INTO THE SYSTEM, IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE DONE BY THE
24 COUNTY...

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I UNDERSTAND BUT, MANY TIMES, IT ISN'T
2 JUST THAT THEY COME IN FROM THE COUNTY, IT'S THAT THEY GET
3 MOVED AROUND A LOT, THE CHILD.

4

5 **BRUCE SALTZER:** THE DECISIONS ABOUT PLACEMENT OF THE CHILD ARE
6 MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT, THEY'RE NOT MADE BY THE...

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I KNOW THAT. I'M ASKING IF THE GROUP HOME
9 IS PRESENTLY INVOLVED IN ANY ASPECT OF THAT ASSESSMENT.

10

11 **BRUCE SALTZER:** OF WHETHER OR NOT THE CHILD IS APPROPRIATELY
12 PLACED IN THAT FACILITY, IF THERE'S AN ISSUE?

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** RIGHT.

15

16 **BRUCE SALTZER:** THEY SHOULD BE. I AM NOT A HUNDRED PERCENT
17 CERTAIN. I BELIEVE THERE ARE TIMES WHEN CHILDREN ARE REMOVED
18 WITHOUT THE COMPLETE CONSULTATION AND AGREEMENT OF THE GROUP
19 HOME. I BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE INSTANCES WHERE THAT HAPPENS.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** DR. SANDERS, I APPRECIATE MR. SALTZER'S
22 INPUT BUT I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW, I'D LIKE TO THINK THAT, WHEN A
23 CHILD GETS MOVED FROM ONE GROUP HOME TO ANOTHER OR IS REMOVED
24 FROM A GROUP HOME, THAT THERE'S SOME INVOLVEMENT IN THE
25 ASSESSMENT FROM-- THERE HAS TO BE SOME OWNERSHIP AS WELL FROM



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1 THE GROUP HOME AND INVOLVEMENT IN THAT ASSESSMENT, NOT JUST
2 THAT HE GOT KICKED OUT FOR THE FOLLOWING THINGS, BECAUSE THERE
3 HAS TO BE SOME-- BECAUSE THEY HAVE SOCIAL WORKERS ON, THEY
4 HAVE AVAILABLE PEOPLE THAT SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE A
5 CONTRIBUTION AS TO WHAT WOULD BE AN EFFECTIVE PLACEMENT OR
6 WHAT ARE SOME OF THE ACTIONS THAT NEED TO BE CARRIED OUT IN
7 ORDER TO, YOU KNOW, BE MUCH MORE CAUTIOUS AND OPERATE IN THE
8 BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD. DO WE INCORPORATE THEM AT ALL
9 RIGHT NOW IN ANY OF OUR ASSESSMENT, PARTICULARLY WHEN WE'RE
10 TRANSFERRING A CHILD FROM ONE LOCATION TO ANOTHER?

11

12 **DAVID SANDERS:** THE DECISION FOR A GROUP HOME TO ACCEPT THE
13 CHILD IS A GROUP HOME'S DECISION AND THEY WILL DO AN
14 ASSESSMENT IN MAKING THAT DECISION.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M ASKING. THAT'S NOT
17 WHAT I'M ASKING. SOMEWHERE IN THIS PROFILE OF THE CHILD, THERE
18 IS AN ASSESSMENT. I KNOW WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON IT. I MEAN,
19 I'VE BEEN HERE 14 YEARS AND THAT'S ALWAYS SOMETHING THAT
20 THEY'RE GOING TO WORK ON. I'M JUST SAYING THAT, IT ISN'T JUST
21 THE CHILD THAT-- IT ISN'T JUST THE ASSESSMENT CENTER THAT HAS
22 JUST MET THE CHILD THAT SHOULD DO THE ASSESSMENT. IF THIS
23 CHILD HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN A GROUP HOME, THERE SHOULD BE SOME
24 ASSESSMENT THAT IS INCLUDED IN THE ASSESSMENT AS WELL. THEIR



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1 INPUT SHOULD BE VALUABLE BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN-- THEY ARE THE
2 CARETAKER, FOR THE MOST PART, AND THAT'S WHAT I'M ASKING.

3

4 **DAVID SANDERS:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, WITH THE-- THE BOARD HAS--
5 HAS, THROUGH MOTIONS, SUPPORTED THE ROLL-OUT OF POINT OF
6 ENGAGEMENT. AND, WITH THAT, THE DECISION, THE INITIAL DECISION
7 ABOUT PLACEMENT IS ONE THAT IS REQUIRED TO OCCUR IN A TEAM
8 SETTING. SO THE PROVIDERS, THE FAMILY AND OTHERS ARE TO-- ARE
9 TO CONVENE AND TO MAKE-- AND TO BRING IN INFORMATION AND TO
10 MAKE DECISIONS. BEFORE THAT, WE-- AND YOUR BOARD HAS APPROVED
11 THE FUNDING FOR COUNTY U.S.C. THERE IS-- WE ARE CREATING A HUB
12 NETWORK OF MEDICAL PROVIDERS THAT DOES THE INITIAL FORENSIC
13 ASSESSMENT IN MENTAL HEALTH SCREENING.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. SALTZER? THAT WASN'T CLEAR TO ME. I
16 HOPE IT WAS CLEAR TO YOU. DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?

17

18 **BRUCE SALTZER:** UMM... NOT-- I WAS ACTUALLY FOCUSING ON
19 SOMETHING ELSE. I APOLOGIZE. CAN YOU ASK THE QUESTION AGAIN?

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I UNDERSTAND. I GUESS WHAT I'M TRYING TO
22 UNDERSTAND IS THAT WE HAVE CREATED A LOT OF OWNERSHIP FOR THE
23 GROUP HOMES, RIGHT? WE'RE MAKING YOU ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE
24 CHILDREN UNDER THE NEW CONTRACT AND SO ON. WHAT I GUESS I'M



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1 SAYING IS THAT THE GROUP HOMES SHOULD ALSO BE A PARTNER WITH
2 US IN A PART OF THE ASSESSMENT.

3

4 **BRUCE SALTZER:** ABSOLUTELY. ALWAYS LIKE TO BE. ONE OF THE
5 THINGS I WANTED TO POINT OUT IS THAT, PARTICULARLY AMONG OUR
6 AGENCIES, THERE IS A DISTINCT DESIRE NOT TO DISCHARGE
7 CHILDREN. AND, YOU KNOW, IF YOU LOOK AT SOME OF THE AGENCIES
8 THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, MARY VALE, UNITED CARE, AVIVA, CHILD
9 NET, HEALTH SIDES, FIVE ACRES, THERE IS NOT A-- THERE'S VERY
10 FEW KIDS THAT GET DISCHARGED AND THEY DO IT VERY, VERY
11 RELUCTANTLY. THE IDEA AT SOME POINT AS WELL IS, AND IN THOSE
12 INSTANCES, THE ISSUE COMES UP OF HEALTH OR SAFETY FOR THE
13 OTHER CHILDREN IN THE FACILITY. BUT I CAN SAY AGAIN, AMONG OUR
14 AGENCIES, THERE'S A GREAT RELUCTANCE TO EVER DO THAT. WHEN A
15 CRISIS COMES UP, THE MUCH PREFERRED MODE OF DEALING WITH IT
16 OBVIOUSLY AS WELL IS TO GET, AS THE DEPARTMENT HAS DONE IN THE
17 PAST, EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAMS TO TRY AND DEAL AND DIFFUSE A
18 SITUATION, POTENTIALLY, OR POTENTIALLY, FOR A SHORT-TERM
19 PERIOD OF TIME, MOVE A CHILD MAYBE TO A CRISIS BED WHERE THEY
20 CAN THEN COME BACK TO THE FACILITY. IT'S NOT LIKE THE AGENCIES
21 WANT TO DISCHARGE ANY CHILD FROM THEIR FACILITY. IT'S SIMPLY,
22 AGAIN, IN SOME INSTANCES, THERE ARE HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES
23 FOR THE OTHER CHILDREN IN THAT PROGRAM. BUT, AGAIN, AS I SAID,
24 EVEN WHEN THERE IS A SITUATION OR A CRISIS, GENERALLY THE
25 AGENCY, AGAIN, TO THE EXTENT THAT IT CAN BE AMELIORATED WOULD,



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1 IN MANY INSTANCES, LIKE TO HAVE THE CHILD BACK IN THE PROGRAM
2 AS WELL.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WELL, WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR
5 REPORT, DR. SANDERS. THE MOTION IS BEFORE US.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** I JUST...

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YES, MR. KNABE.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** I THINK, BRUCE, YOU ANSWERED IT BUT, I MEAN, WHAT
12 CAN THE GROUP HOMES DO TO, YOU KNOW, TO PARTNER WITH THE
13 DEPARTMENT AS IT RELATES TO THESE OLDER KIDS THAT REPEAT? I
14 MEAN, IS THERE SOMETHING THAT...

15

16 **BRUCE SALTZER:** TO BE HONEST, AGAIN, WE HAVE A COUPLE THINGS
17 THAT WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON THAT WE WANT TO ENSURE GET MOVED TO
18 FRUITION, THAT WE THINK WE OFFER SOME ASSISTANCE-- OFFER
19 EXPERTISE THAT WE CAN MOVE THESE PROJECTS ALONG LIKE, AGAIN,
20 THE RECEIVING CENTERS. THE DEPARTMENT WAS ENGAGED WITH US
21 INITIALLY IN THAT ENDEAVOR. WE'D LIKE TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH
22 THE DEPARTMENT TO SEE RECEIVING CENTERS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
23 I THINK, AGAIN, WHERE WE CAN OFFER ASSISTANCE, THE RECEIVING
24 CENTER AT CONTRA COSTA-- EVERY CHILD IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
25 THAT GETS REFERRED INTO OUT OF HOME CARE INITIALLY GETS PUT



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1 INTO A RECEIVING CENTER, INITIALLY, WHERE THEY CAN GET
2 ACCLIMATED TO THE CHANGE AND TO OUT OF HOME CARE.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT ISN'T THERE A LICENSING ISSUE WITH THAT CONTRA
5 COSTA MODEL?

6

7 **BRUCE SALTZER:** THEY HAVE A SPECIAL AGREEMENT WITH LICENSING
8 THAT ALLOWS THEM TO OPERATE THE CENTER 23 HOURS. AND, AGAIN,
9 THEY'VE BEEN OPERATING IN THAT WAY FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS WITH
10 THE APPROVAL OF LICENSING. IT IS A SPECIAL WAIVER...

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT THEY WILL NOT LICENSE IT?

13

14 **BRUCE SALTZER:** IT'S A SPECIAL WAIVER THAT THEY HAVE GOTTEN
15 FROM LICENSING. IT IS REVIEWED, THEY GET OVERSEEN BY THEM BUT
16 IT'S NOT A FORMAL, YOU KNOW, 24-HOUR RESIDENTIAL LICENSE. MY
17 POINT IS, WE HAVE AN AGENCY OF OURS THAT HAS, YOU KNOW, DONE
18 THE RECEIVING CENTERS IN CONTRA COSTA FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS.
19 WE'D BE MORE THAN HAPPY, AGAIN, TO OFFER THAT EXPERTISE TO
20 WORK WITH THE COUNTY TO IMPLEMENT THAT MODEL IN THE COUNTY.
21 THE OTHER RECOMMENDATION WE MADE...

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** AND WHAT IS IT, A GENERIC WAIVER? WOULD THE
24 COUNTY, L.A. COUNTY BE ELIGIBLE...

25



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1 **BRUCE SALTZER:** THE COUNTY ABSOLUTELY SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET THE
2 SAME WAIVER. I HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THEY WOULD NOT
3 BE ELIGIBLE BECAUSE IT'S NOT JUST CONTRA COSTA. THEY OPENED--
4 THEY HAVE A SIMILAR RECEIVING CENTER THAT THEY OPERATE IN
5 ALMEDA COUNTY, SO I ASSUME ANY COUNTY IN CALIFORNIA THAT WOULD
6 OPERATE ACCORDING TO THE SAME GUIDELINES WOULD BE ABLE TO GET
7 THAT APPROVAL OF LICENSING.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** OF COURSE NO COUNTY HAS OUR VOLUME, EITHER.

10

11 **BRUCE SALTZER:** WELL, THAT'S ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE TRIED TO
12 WORK WITH AND WE WOULD WANT TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH, HOW DOES
13 THIS MODEL APPLY TO L.A. COUNTY? HOW CAN WE MAKE IT WORK? THE
14 SECOND POINT, AGAIN, HAD TO DO WITH THE IDEA OF THESE
15 INDIVIDUALIZED-- THIS INDIVIDUALIZED CONTRACTING PROCESS THAT
16 WE DID DEVELOP IN A CONCEPT WITH A WORK GROUP THAT INCLUDED
17 D.C.F.S. WE WOULD SIMPLY LIKE TO CONTINUE TO BE DIRECTED TO
18 WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT BY THE BOARD TO SEE WHAT WE CAN DO TO
19 MAKE THAT PROCESS EFFECTIVE FOR THE MOST DIFFICULT KIDS IN THE
20 SYSTEM.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WELL, I'D LIKE TO SEE THAT HAPPEN. I THINK
23 WE SHOULD INCLUDE IT IN OUR MOTION, THAT YOU WORK WITH THE
24 DEPARTMENT.

25



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1 **BRUCE SALTZER:** WE WOULD APPRECIATE THAT VERY MUCH.

2

3 **SUP. BURKE:** HAS THE ISSUE OF FEEDING THE CHILDREN WHO ARE
4 THERE OVER FOUR HOURS OR FIVE HOURS, HAS THAT ALL BEEN
5 RESOLVED?

6

7 **DAVID SANDERS:** WE THINK THAT-- WE'VE HAD SOME INITIAL
8 CONVERSATIONS WITH THE STATE'S ATTORNEY AND WE DO BELIEVE THAT
9 THAT ISSUE'S BEEN RESOLVED, THAT THERE IS AN ABILITY TO
10 PROVIDE FOR BASIC NEEDS FOR YOUTH AS THEY COME INTO CARE.

11

12 **BRUCE SALTZER:** I CAN TELL YOU, IN RECEIVING CENTERS IN CONTRA
13 COSTA, YES, THEY ARE FED, THEY ARE CLOTHED, THEY ARE BATHED.
14 THOSE ARE ALL THINGS THAT THEY ARE ALLOWED TO DO. THEY HAVE
15 BEDS THERE, AGAIN, BUT THEY CAN ONLY STAY UP TO 23 HOURS
16 BECAUSE OF THE LIMITATION THAT LICENSING HAS PUT ON THE
17 PROGRAM.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT HERE IT SAYS...

20

21 **BRUCE SALTZER:** IT MIGHT BE BECAUSE OF THE-- I DON'T KNOW. IT
22 MIGHT BE RELATIVE JUST TO THE COMMAND POST AS OPPOSED TO,
23 AGAIN, IT'S VERY SPECIFIC STAFFING AND OTHER GUIDELINES. IT'S
24 NOT LIKE THE RECEIVING CENTER HAPPENED OVERNIGHT. THERE WAS A
25 LOT OF DISCUSSION, NEGOTIATION WITH LICENSING, WITH THE



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1 COUNTY, VERY PRECISE THINGS THAT WERE WORKED OUT BEFORE THEY
2 WERE ALLOWED TO OPERATE THE RECEIVING CENTER.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT THE SOCIAL WORKERS WHO ARE THERE ARE THE
5 PEOPLE IN CHARGE, THEY HAVE SOME ABILITY TO MAKE SURE THAT THE
6 CHILDREN, IS THEIR A FACILITY THERE FOR THEM TO BE FED?

7

8 **DAVID SANDERS:** ARE YOU SPEAKING OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY OR
9 HERE?

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** HERE.

12

13 **DAVID SANDERS:** LET ME SPEAK ON A COUPLE OF ISSUES. THE 23-HOUR
14 RECEPTION CENTERS, THERE'S A COUPLE OF ISSUES AND THE
15 AGREEMENT FOR A WAIVER IS DONE ON AN INDIVIDUALIZED BASIS. IN
16 TERMS OF THE LENGTH OF TIME AND THE AUTHORITY THAT THE STATE
17 HAS, THAT AUTHORITY CAN BE EXTENDED TO A NUMBER OF
18 CIRCUMSTANCES OR IT CAN BE RESTRICTIVE. SO SOME OF THE ISSUES
19 THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED ABOUT THE COMMAND POST ALSO APPLY TO THE
20 23-HOUR RECEPTION CENTERS AND WE BELIEVE, FOR EXAMPLE, FEEDING
21 AND OTHER KINDS OF THINGS ARE THINGS THAT ARE NOT NECESSARILY
22 UNDER THE STATE PURVIEW AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE WORKING WITH THE
23 STATE ON, SOME OF THOSE ISSUES.

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1 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, WHILE YOU WAIT ON THEM, THE CHILDREN ARE
2 BEING FED, I HOPE?

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4 **DAVID SANDERS:** YES.

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6 **SUP. BURKE:** THE ORIGINAL REPORT THAT I READ WAS THAT SOME OF
7 THEM WERE NOT BEING FED AND THERE WAS NOT ADEQUATE PLACE FOR
8 THEM TO SLEEP. AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT THE NEWSPAPERS SEEMED
9 TO...

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11 **BRUCE SALTZER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. THAT ITEM IS BEFORE
14 US. MOVED BY MYSELF, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. ANY
15 OBJECTION? IF NOT, SO ORDERED.

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17 **SUP. KNABE:** WITH ALSO THAT CAVEAT ON YOUR MOTION THAT...

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19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** RIGHT, WITH ALSO GETTING THEM TO WORK WITH
20 MR. SALTZER AND THE GROUP HOMES. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU, DR.
21 SANDERS. NEXT WE HAVE ITEM NUMBER 42. WE HAVE VARIOUS PEOPLE
22 THAT WISH TO ADDRESS US ON THIS ITEM. I'M GOING TO ASK MARLENE
23 ALLEN TO JOIN US, HELEN BENSON, TONY BRAVO AND TIM FARRELL. IF
24 THEY'D JOIN US, PLEASE. MISS ALLEN?

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1 **MARLENE ALLEN:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MARLENE ALLEN. I
2 REPRESENT THE GAME SERVICES SUPERVISORS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
3 PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES AND ALSO THE SEIU LOCAL 535 AND I'M
4 SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF HAVING THE RIGHT CONTRACT BROUGHT BACK
5 IN HOUSE TO D.P.S.S. AND HAVE THE GAME STAFF PROVIDE THOSE
6 SERVICES TO THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE AREAS THAT WE'RE SPEAKING
7 OF. THE GAME SERVICE WORKERS HAVE PROVEN THAT WE CAN DO THE
8 JOB OF WELFARE-TO-WORK. WE HAVE SET THE STANDARD FOR LOS
9 ANGELES COUNTY AND, AS A RESULT OF THAT, WE HAVE HAD OUR WORK
10 LOOKED AT BY DIFFERENT COUNTIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND ACROSS
11 THE WORLD. AS YOU KNOW, A CONTINGENCY FROM L.A. COUNTY WENT TO
12 LONDON, ENGLAND, NOT TOO LONG AGO TO DISCUSS WELFARE-TO-WORK.
13 SO THE GAME SERVICES WORKERS AND THE SUPERVISORS HAVE DONE A
14 MAGNIFICENT JOB IN PROVIDING WELFARE-TO-WORK PROGRAMS TO THE
15 PARTICIPANTS THAT WE SERVE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND WE ARE
16 READY TO DO THE WORK THAT IS BEING PROVIDED BY CONTRACTED
17 COMPANIES THAT ARE DOING THE R.I.T.E. CONTRACT AT THIS TIME.
18 SO, ON BEHALF OF THE SUPERVISORS, THE CASE MANAGERS WHO DO THE
19 WORK EVERY DAY, WHO HAVE SET THE STANDARD, WHO ARE SETTING THE
20 STANDARDS EVERY DAY IN TERMS OF JOB PLACEMENT, WE'RE ASKING
21 THAT THE SUPERVISORS VOTE BRING THIS CONTRACT BACK TO D.P.S.S.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. THANK YOU. MISS BENSON?

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1 **HELEN BENSON:** HI. I'M A SOCIAL WORKER AND IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE
2 SERVICES PROGRAM AND I'VE BEEN WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
3 SOCIAL SERVICES FOR 25 YEARS. AND I BELIEVE OUR DEPARTMENT, IN
4 BEHALF OF THE MEMBERS AND THE PEOPLE THAT ACTUALLY DO THE
5 WORK, CAN BE TRAINED. WE STRIVE FOR AN EXCELLENCE WHERE WE CAN
6 GO OUT AND REPRESENT OUR DEPARTMENTS AS FAR AS OUR ABILITIES
7 TO GO INTO THE COMMUNITIES AND SERVICE THE COMMUNITIES TO THE
8 BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITY. SO D.P.S.S. IS A LARGE
9 DEPARTMENT AND WE CAN PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES. WE CAN BE
10 DEPENDABLE AND HAVE THE TRAINING WHERE WE CAN TRAIN OUR
11 EMPLOYEES AND OVERSEE, NOT SAYING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF
12 COMMUNITY SERVICES-- THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND SENIOR
13 SERVICES AND THE R.I.T.E. PROGRAM BEING CONTRACTED OUT TO
14 THOSE 10 DIFFERENT-- CONTRACTING THAT, I JUST BELIEVE THAT LOS
15 ANGELES COUNTY AND D.P.S.S. BEING THE LARGEST DEPARTMENT CAN
16 PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES AND OVERSEE AND MAKE SURE THAT EVERYONE
17 IS REPRESENTED, DOING THE BEST OF THEIR ABILITIES AND
18 FOLLOWING THE DEPARTMENT'S POLICIES, REGULATIONS AND
19 PROCEDURES.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MS. BENSON. NEXT, WE HAVE SUZAN
22 POUR SANAE AND ANNELLE GRAJEDA, IF THEY WOULD JOIN US. MR.
23 BRAVO. IF YOU COULD GIVE UP YOUR SEAT SO THE OTHER PEOPLE CAN
24 COME UP. OH. MR. BRAVO, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO SPEAK?



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1 **ANTHONY BRAVO:** (OFF-MIKE).

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3 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S MR. BRAVO, THEN MR.
4 FARRELL. THERE'S A SEAT OVER HERE.

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6 **ANTHONY BRAVO:** I JUST WANT TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO READ A
7 LETTER THAT I BELIEVE ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD RECEIVED
8 FROM THE LATE MIGUEL CONTRERAS SUPPORTING OUR EFFORTS TO BRING
9 BACK THE R.I.T.E. CONTRACTS. "DEAR SUPERVISOR MOLINA, I AM
10 WRITING YOU ON BEHALF OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FEDERATION OF
11 LABOR, AFL-CIO, TO REQUEST YOUR SUPPORT. YOUR SUPPORT IS
12 NEEDED TO CANCEL THE REQUEST FOR CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO
13 NON-ENGLISH, NON-SPANISH SPEAKING WELFARE-TO-WORK PARTICIPANTS
14 APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON NOVEMBER 16TH, 2004.
15 IN ADDITION, YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED TO BRING BACK THE WORK--
16 EXCUSE ME, TO BRING THE-- THE WORK BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
17 PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES. I HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT RECENTLY THE
18 ESTIMATED COSTS OF BRINGING THE SERVICES IN-HOUSE WILL BE
19 FULLY FINANCED WITH THE CALWORKS SINGLE ALLOCATION. THERE IS
20 NO ADDITIONAL NET COUNTY COST AFTER THE REQUIRED CALWORKS
21 MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT IS MET. I AM SURE, AFTER YOU READ THE
22 RECOMMENDATION OF D.P.S.S. AND HEAR THE POSITION OF THE UNION
23 SEIU 535, YOU AND OTHER BOARD MEMBERS WILL CANCEL THE R.F.P.
24 AND ALLOW FOR THESE VITAL SERVICES TO BE BROUGHT IN-HOUSE.
25 SINCERELY, MIGUEL CONTRERAS." THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. BRAVO. MR. FARRELL?

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4 **TIM FARRELL:** HI, I'M JUST GOING TO FOLLOW UP WITH THAT. AS YOU
5 KNOW, WORKING FAMILIES, CHILDREN AND IMMIGRANTS, IN LOS
6 ANGELES COUNTY AND THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND ELSEWHERE AND THE
7 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES WHO SERVE THEM, LOST AN INSPIRING AND
8 INSPIRED LEADER WITH THE PASSING OF MIGUEL CONTRERAS ON MAY
9 5TH AND IT'S REALLY IN THAT SPIRIT THAT WE'RE HERE JUST
10 REINFORCING HIS WORDS TO YOU THAT MR. BRAVO JUST READ, TO
11 BRING THESE SERVICES BACK INTO THE COUNTY, THE FIRM BELIEF
12 THAT PUBLIC SERVICES ARE BEST PROVIDED BY PUBLIC SERVANTS. AND
13 I WANT TO EMPHASIZE "SERVANTS." WE HAVE A COMMITTED WORKFORCE
14 HERE THAT WANTS TO CONTINUE, WANTS TO CONTINUE PROVIDING THOSE
15 SERVICES TO THIS COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. MS. SANAE.

18

19 **SUZAN POUR SANAE:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS SUZAN
20 POUR SANAE AND I AM WITH SEIU LOCAL 660. WE ARE HERE TODAY TO
21 SUPPORT THE DEPARTMENT'S RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE DELIVERY
22 OF WELFARE-TO-WORK SERVICES TO IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES IN LOS
23 ANGELES COUNTY. YOUR AUDITOR-CONTROLLER HAS DETERMINED THAT
24 PROBLEMS AND VIOLATIONS IN THE DELIVERY OF WELFARE SERVICES
25 CAN BEST BE PREVENTED BY BRINGING THE R.I.T.E. CONTRACT BACK



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1 INTO THE COUNTY. EVIDENCE OF NEGLIGENCE, ILLEGAL ACTIVITY AND
2 POOR PERFORMANCE BY THE PREVIOUS R.I.T.E. CONTRACTORS HAS LED
3 BOTH YOUR AUDITOR-CONTROLLER AND THE DEPARTMENT TO THIS
4 CONCLUSION. THE MOST COMMON FINDING OF THE MONITORING REVIEWS
5 OF THE R.I.T.E. PROGRAM WAS THAT THE CONTRACTORS OFTEN
6 OVERSTATED EMPLOYMENT AND JOB TRAINING OUTCOMES, RESULTING IN
7 THE CONTRACTORS OVER-BILLING D.C.S.S. OVER-BILLINGS OCCURRED
8 WITH FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT, WHICH WAS NEVER FOUND
9 FOR THE PARTICIPANTS. SUCH VIOLATIONS CANNOT BE REASONABLY OR
10 OBJECTIVELY CHARACTERIZED AS MERELY INCIDENTAL ERRORS OR THE
11 FAULT OF COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. GUILTY CONTRACTORS HAVE FAULTED
12 D.C.S.S. AND D.P.S.S. CONTINUOUSLY WITHOUT ONCE, NOT ONCE
13 HAVING OWNED UP TO ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR ACTIONS. THE
14 VICTIMS HERE ARE NOT THE AGENCIES BUT, RATHER, THE CLIENTS WHO
15 WERE CHEATED OUT OF SERVICES. THESE CONTRACTORS HAVE COMMITTED
16 A BROAD SPECTRUM OF VIOLATIONS, STARTING WITH THOSE WHO WERE
17 PROSECUTED BY THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND ARE NO LONGER IN THE
18 POOL OF BIDDERS TO THE SOLE CONTRACTOR WHO HAPPENED TO HAVE A
19 CLEAR RECORD, WHO THE OTHERS ARE NOW HIDING BEHIND. IT IS TRUE
20 THAT THIS RANGE INDICATES THAT THERE IS A LACK OF OVERSIGHT BY
21 THE COUNTY. HOWEVER, IT ALSO POINTS TO THE CULPABILITY AND
22 LACK OF INTEGRITY OF THOSE CONTRACTORS WHO ACTED DISHONESTLY
23 WHEN THEY WERE NOT SUBJECT TO SYSTEMATIC MONITORING. WITH THE
24 NEW R.F.P. THAT WAS RELEASED IN NOVEMBER 2004, ONLY THREE
25 COST-EFFECTIVE PROPOSALS RESULTED OUT OF THE EIGHT THAT WERE



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1 SUBMITTED. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO THE DEPARTMENT, THE COST
2 EFFECTIVE PROPOSALS WERE AVERAGE, AT BEST AND DID NOT MEET THE
3 NEEDS OF THE NON-ENGLISH, NON-SPEAKING-- NON-SPEAKING WELFARE-
4 TO-WORK POPULATION. NON-SPANISH SPEAKING, EXCUSE ME. AS WITH
5 ALL PROPOSITION A CONTRACTS, THE R.I.T.E. CONTRACTS MUST COST
6 THE COUNTY LESS THAN IF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES PROVIDED THE
7 SERVICES. THIS TIME AROUND, ONLY THREE AGENCIES MEET PROP A
8 REQUIREMENTS. IN ADDITION, BEFORE ANY PROPOSAL TO MERGE THE
9 R.I.T.E. PROGRAM WITH CURRENT CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES BEING
10 DELIVERED BY A.C.S. OR MAXIMUS CAN BE CONSIDERED, A PROP "A"
11 ANALYSIS MUST BE DONE WITH THE NEW MONITORING MECHANISMS TAKEN
12 INTO CONSIDERATION. AS A NATIONAL CONTRACTOR OF WELFARE
13 SERVICES, MAXIMUS HAS ITS OWN RECORD OF POOR PERFORMANCE,
14 INCLUDING CORPORATE MALPRACTICE, INADEQUATE AND POOR PROVISION
15 OF SERVICES, MISAPPROPRIATION OF FUNDS, CRONYISM AND OTHER
16 FINANCIAL IRREGULARITIES. SUPPORT YOUR AUDITOR-CONTROLLER AND
17 DEPARTMENT'S RECOMMENDATION TO BRING THE R.I.T.E. CONTRACT
18 BACK INTO THE COUNTY, SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY, INTEGRITY AND
19 EFFICIENT USE OF TAXPAYER DOLLARS.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MS. SANAE. MISS GRAJEDA.

22

23 **ANNELLE GRAJEDA:** GOOD MORNING-- MORNING? GOOD AFTERNOON,
24 SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS ANNELLE GRAJEDA AND I'M THE GENERAL
25 MANAGER OF S.E.I.U. LOCAL 660. WE'RE HERE TODAY ALSO TO



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1 SUPPORT YOUR DEPARTMENT'S RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE
2 R.I.T.E. CONTRACT. I JUST WANT TO SAY FROM A PURELY OBJECTIVE
3 STANDPOINT, THE DECISION TODAY SHOULD BE A NO-BRAINER. I'M NOT
4 GOING TO GO OVER ALL OF THE FACTS AND DETAILS THAT MY
5 COLLEAGUE HAS POINTED OUT BUT I WANT TO SAY THIS: UNLIKE THE
6 CONTRACTOR THAT HAD BID FOR THIS WORK, THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER
7 AND D.P.S.S. DON'T HAVE A HORSE IN THIS RACE. THEIR ANALYSIS
8 ISN'T INFLUENCED BY SELF-INTEREST. THEY'VE REACHED THEIR
9 FINDINGS AND THEY'VE MADE THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS IN AN EFFORT
10 TO PROVIDE THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF SERVICE TO THE IMMIGRANT
11 POPULATION AT THE LEAST COST TO THE TAXPAYERS OF THIS COUNTY.
12 THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO RUN THOSE AGENCIES, WHO HAVE BID FOR
13 THIS WORK MAY ALL BE VERY GOOD PEOPLE AND WE'RE AWARE,
14 SUPERVISORS, THAT YOU HAVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE AGENCIES IN
15 YOUR DISTRICT. BUT THERE'S A TERM FOR THOSE CONTRACTS THAT ARE
16 NEGOTIATED BASED ON PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS RATHER THAN
17 OBJECTIVE CRITERIA. AND THEY'RE CALLED SWEETHEART DEALS.
18 SENDING A POLITICAL VALENTINE MAY BE EXPEDIENT BUT IT'S NOT
19 THE WAY TO ADMINISTER PUBLIC POLICY. THE IMMIGRANT FAMILIES
20 AND TAXPAYERS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY DESERVE MORE. THE ORIGINAL
21 OUTSOURCING OF THE R.I.T.E. CONTRACTS, AND I REMEMBER THIS WAS
22 SEVERAL YEARS AGO WHEN I WAS UP HERE TESTIFYING ABOUT THIS AS
23 WELL AT THAT TIME, IT WAS INTENDED TO BE A TEMPORARY MEASURE
24 AND SO, SUPERVISORS, YOU NOW HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BRING
25 THIS PROGRAM BACK HOME WHERE IT BELONGS AS PUBLIC SERVICE WITH



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1 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. LET ME ALSO SAY THAT, IF THERE IS ANY
2 CONTEMPLATION ABOUT REISSUING THE R.F.P., THAT ANY OF THE
3 BIDS, OF COURSE-- ANY OF THE BIDDERS WILL HAVE TO DEAL WITH
4 THE ISSUE OF CAPACITY AND THAT CAPACITY COULD BE AROUND
5 LANGUAGE SKILLS OR ANY NUMBER OF THOSE THINGS. AND IT'S
6 CONCEIVABLE THAT SOME OF THOSE BIDDERS MIGHT HAVE TO USE
7 SUBCONTRACTORS AND SO WHAT WE WANT TO GO ON RECORD TODAY
8 SAYING THAT THOSE SUBCONTRACTORS ALSO HAVE TO BE JUDGED BY ALL
9 OF THE OBJECTIVE CRITERIA THAT YOUR POLICY REQUIRES. THANK YOU
10 VERY MUCH.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANKS, MISS GRAJEDA. ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE
13 ABOUT 20 PEOPLE THAT WANT TO SPEAK IN FAVOR. I'M GOING TO ASK
14 YOU TO LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS...

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16 **SPEAKER:** (OFF-MIKE).

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY. THEY'RE OPPOSED TO THE
19 RECOMMENDATION. I APOLOGIZE. THOSE WERE IN FAVOR OF THE
20 RECOMMENDATION BY THE DEPARTMENT. I'M GOING TO ASK YOU TO
21 LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS AS MUCH AS YOU CAN. MANY OF YOU HAVE
22 TESTIFIED ON THIS ITEM QUITE OFTEN. IF WE COULD HAVE ALBERT SY
23 JOIN US, CATHERINE MCFALL, VANNY LOR.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, WHILE YOU'RE CALLING, I WOULD
2 MOVE THAT WE LIMIT THE HEARING IN TOTAL TO-- HOW MANY CARDS DO
3 YOU HAVE?

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5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ABOUT 20.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WOULD LIMIT IT TO 15 MINUTES TOTAL AND IF
8 WE GET TO THEM, WE GET TO THEM BECAUSE WE'VE HEARD THIS
9 SEVERAL TIMES.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. VERY GOOD.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THAT WILL GIVE US ENOUGH OF A CROSS-
14 SECTION OF VIEWS.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE A LIMIT TOTALLY OF 15
17 MINUTES. SO IF YOU WANT TO BE COURTEOUS TO EACH OTHER, YOU
18 LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO...

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** PEOPLE FROM THE SAME AGENCY COULD JUST HAVE ONE
21 PERSON SPEAK.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THAT'S FINE. ALL RIGHT. WELL, YOU CHOOSE
24 AS TO HOW YOU WANT TO PROCEED. DO WE HAVE ALBERT SY, CATHERINE



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1 MCFALL, VANNY LOR, BY LYOMBU BIBIANNE AND SAM JOO. PLEASE JOIN
2 US. MR. SY.

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4 **ALBERT SY:** GOOD AFTERNOON, THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE
5 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ALBERT SY, I'M THE DIRECTOR OF
6 P.A.C.E. R.I.T.E. PROGRAM. I HAVE BEEN EMPLOYEE OF P.A.C.E.
7 SINCE 1979. FOR ALMOST 26 YEARS, MY PROGRAM AND MY STAFF HAVE
8 HELPED CLOSE TO 25,000 REFUGEE IMMIGRANTS TO SETTLE IN LOS
9 ANGELES COUNTY. SINCE THE INCEPTION OF R.I.T.E. IN 1998, WE
10 HAVE CLOSE TO 2,700 NON-ENGLISH, NON-SPANISH SPEAKING CARE
11 WORK PARTICIPANTS IN CASE MANAGEMENT AND JOB PLACEMENT. WE
12 HAVE PLACED OVER 70% OF THEM IN JOBS. I'M SPEAKING TO YOU
13 TODAY TO ASK YOU NOT MY WAY LOOKING AT THE PROP "A" ISSUE
14 HERE, IN MY OWN OPINION, THIS IS RATHER A PHILOSOPHICAL ISSUE
15 THAT YOU SHOULD REALLY BE LOOKING AT. THE ISSUE HERE IS
16 WHETHER THIS TYPE OF SELF-EFFICIENCY ASSISTANCE SHOULD REST
17 WITH THE GOVERNMENT OR WITH THE COMMUNITY-BASED AGENCIES. MY
18 RECOMMENDATION TO YOU THAT IT SHOULD REST WITH THE COMMUNITY-
19 BASED AGENCIES. I CAME TO THIS COUNTRY AS A REFUGEE IN 1979. I
20 WORK FOR THE U.S. EMBASSY IN VIETNAM AS A TRANSLATOR. IN THE
21 FEW DAYS BEFORE SAIGON FELL, IN APRIL 30, 1975, OVER 30 YEARS
22 AGO, I HELPED PUSH THOUSAND AND THOUSAND OF REFUGEE-- EXCUSE
23 ME, VIETNAMESE PEOPLE THROUGH THE SECURITY CHECK POINT AT THE
24 AIRPORT AND HELP THEM TO GET ON THE AIRPLANE AND SO THAT THEY
25 WERE MET TO ONE OF THE U.S. MILITARY BASE IN PHILIPPINE.



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1 SOMEHOW I COULD NOT MAKE IT UP TO THE ROOF OF THE EMBASSY
2 MYSELF AND MISSED THE LAST HELICOPTER...

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. SY, YOU WANT TO STAY ON THE SUBJECT OF
5 THE CONTRACT, PLEASE?

6

7 **ALBERT SY:** YES. I BEG YOUR PARDON, MA'AM?

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** PLEASE. COULD YOU STAY ON THE ISSUE AS
10 MUCH AS POSSIBLE? WE HAVE A LIMITED NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO CAN
11 TESTIFY.

12

13 **ALBERT SY:** YES. I WOULD LIKE TO BE BRIEF AND I STRONGLY
14 BELIEVE THAT THE COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS PACE
15 HAVE THE CAPABILITY AND CAPACITY TO SERVE THE NON-ENGLISH,
16 NON-SPANISH-SPEAKING CALWORKS PARTICIPANTS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
17 SUPPORT.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MISS MCFALL.

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21 **CATHERINE MCFALL:** THANK YOU. I ALSO KNEW MIGUEL CONTRERAS AND
22 WORKED WITH HIM AND RESPECTED HIM IMMENSELY AND ONE THING I
23 KNOW ABOUT MIGUEL IS THAT HE WOULD NOT STAND UP FOR SERVICES
24 THAT WERE NOT HELPING IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES. AND MAYBE HE
25 DID NOT UNDERSTAND THAT MANY OF THE R.I.T.E. CONTRACT



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1 EMPLOYEES ARE ALSO UNION MEMBERS WHO ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING
2 THEIR JOBS. SO IT BOTHERS ME A LITTLE BIT TO SEE THAT MIGUEL'S
3 PASSING WAS USED IN THIS WAY. I THINK IT'S DISRESPECTFUL TO
4 HIM AND HIS MEMORY AND I HAVE A LOT OF RESPECT FOR HIM, SO I'M
5 SORRY TO HEAR THAT THAT HAPPENED. I WORKED...

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** JUST SO YOU KNOW, THE LETTER THAT WAS SENT
8 TO US WAS DATED APRIL THE 25TH.

9

10 **CATHERINE MCFALL:** I'M SURE BUT I DON'T BELIEVE THAT HE HEARD
11 ALL SIDES OF THIS.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

14

15 **CATHERINE MCFALL:** THIS PROP "A" ANALYSIS THAT WE'RE TALKING
16 ABOUT NOW IS FLAWED. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT AN EMPLOYMENT AND
17 TRAINING PROGRAM THAT HAS NO JOB DEVELOPERS IN THE PROP "A"
18 ANALYSIS. IT HAS NO ADMINISTRATION IN THE PROP "A" ANALYSIS
19 AND I UNDERSTAND THAT D.P.S.S. IS TALKING ABOUT THIS AS
20 ECONOMY OF SCALE AND THAT THAT, IN SOME WAYS, MAKES SENSE BUT
21 YOU CAN'T HAVE AN EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAM WITHOUT
22 ADMINISTRATION AND WITHOUT JOB DEVELOPERS. THE FACT THAT
23 D.P.S.S. SAYS THAT BECAUSE THEY HAVE CASE MANAGERS WHO NOW
24 SPEAK THOSE LANGUAGES, THAT THEY WILL BE PROVIDING THOSE SAME
25 SERVICES. THAT ALONE TELLS ME THAT THEY'RE NOT CULTURALLY



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1 COMPETENT TO SERVE THIS POPULATION. A REFUGEE HAS AN INHERENT
2 FEAR OF GOVERNMENT AND, IN ORDER TO PLACE PEOPLE IN JOBS, YOU
3 HAVE TO BE ABLE TO RECOGNIZE ALL OF THEIR SOCIAL SERVICES
4 NEEDS. SO WHEN YOU BRING A REFUGEE WOMAN INTO A GOVERNMENT
5 OFFICE, HAVE HER WALK THROUGH A METAL DETECTOR, HAVE HER WAIT
6 IN LINE AND PASS PAPERS UNDER BULLET- PROOF GLASS AND THEN
7 HAVE HER EXPLAIN THAT THERE'S VIOLENCE IN HER HOME AND SHE
8 NEEDS HELP BEFORE SHE CAN GET EMPLOYED IS NOT GOING TO HAPPEN.
9 THESE ARE NOT EQUAL SERVICES. REFUGEES HAVE SPECIAL NEEDS AND
10 THEY NEED TO BE RECOGNIZED. THOSE PEOPLE THAT ARE SERVED IN
11 THIS PROGRAM HAVE COME TO THIS COUNTRY DESPERATE FOR A
12 GOVERNMENT WHO IS GOING TO STAND UP FOR THEM, THAT PLAYS FAIR,
13 THAT GIVES THEM AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND THIS IS YOUR
14 OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW THEM THAT.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** DO YOU WANT TO LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS SO THAT
17 EVERYONE WILL GET A CHANCE TO TESTIFY.

18

19 **CATHERINE MCFALL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MISS LOR?

22

23 **VANNY LOR:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS. MY
24 NAME IS VANNY LOR, CASE MANAGER OF NON-ENGLISH, NON-SPANISH
25 SPEAKING PARTICIPANTS IN LONG BEACH SERVICE CENTER AND FORMER



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1 CAMBODIAN REFUGEE AND THE RESIDENTS IN DISTRICT 4 OF
2 SUPERVISOR KNABE. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR APPROVAL OF THE RELEASE
3 OF PROPOSAL FOR SERVICES FOR THESE PARTICIPANTS AFTER YOU HAVE
4 HEARD OUR CONCERN LAST NOVEMBER. IN CITY OF LONG BEACH, FOR
5 THE CAMBODIAN REFUGEES WHO HAVE MADE THEIR AMERICAN DREAM COME
6 TRUE AND NO LONGER ON WELFARE. THEY ARE BUSINESS OWNERS,
7 PROFESSIONAL WORKERS AND HAVE MOVED TO MORE DESIGNATABLE
8 LIVING AREAS. WHAT WE HAVE LEFT ARE CAMBODIANS WHO HAVE BEEN
9 HERE FOR A VERY LONG TIME BUT WITH LIVE FAMILY MEMBERS AND
10 WITH PHYSICAL AND MENTAL ILLNESS, THEY DO NEED MORE HELP THAN
11 JUST THE MONTHLY CASH AND FOOD STAMPS FROM THE GOVERNMENT.
12 THEY NEED SOMEONE THAT THEY CAN COME TO SEE ALMOST AT ANY
13 TIME, UNDERSTAND THEIR SITUATION AND, IN THEIR BEHALF, ABLE TO
14 HELP TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS. I AM PROUD TO BE THAT PERSON WHO HAS
15 BEEN WORKING FOR THEM IN THE LAST SIX YEARS. TODAY, ONE MORE
16 TIME BEFORE YOU, I AGAIN ASK THAT, WITH ALL FAIRNESS, PLEASE
17 DO NOT ALLOW THE NEEDED SERVICES FOR IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES
18 GO AWAY FROM THE COMMUNITY. LET ME HELP THEM TO SUCCESS IN
19 THEIR LIFE BEFORE THEIR ASSISTANCE RUNNING OUT. THANK YOU FOR
20 YOUR KINDNESS.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WE HAVE BY LYOMBU
23 BIBIANNE.

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1 **BY LYOMBU BIBIANNE:** HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, LADIES AND
2 GENTLEMEN. MY NAME IS BIBIANNE. I AM FROM CONGO, AFRICA. I
3 ESCAPED FROM _____. MY FAMILY WAS A VICTIM OF THE
4 GENOCIDE. MY HUSBAND WAS KILLED. I HAVE TO LEAVE MY CHILDREN
5 AND MOTHER IN MY COUNTRY IN ORDER TO SURVIVE. WHEN I COME TO
6 LOS ANGELES, I LIVE WITH FAMILY, HELPING THEM TO BABY-SIT
7 THEIR CHILDREN. WHEN THIS FAMILY MOVED TO ANOTHER CITY, I
8 DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO. I DIDN'T SPEAK ENGLISH, DIDN'T HAVE
9 ANY MONEY, DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO. IT WAS THE LAST WEEK WHEN
10 MY RENT WAS PAY, NEXT MONDAY, I WAS SUPPOSED TO BE ON THE
11 STREET, HOMELESS. WHEN I WAS REFERRED TO PROGRAM, I WAS
12 MISERABLE. I MET VERY KIND PEOPLE THROUGH THIS AGENCY. I SPEAK
13 FRENCH AND THEY FOUND FRENCH-SPEAKING PERSON WHO HELPING ME TO
14 UNDERSTAND TO DO AND EASY TO STRESS AND FRUSTRATION. EVERY
15 TIME WHEN I CALL IN, L.A.H.R.S. WORKER WASN'T AVAILABLE. WHEN
16 I WENT FOR INTERVIEW, MY CASE MANAGER HELP ME TO READ AND
17 INTERPRET ALL DOCUMENTS. FINALLY, AFTER THREE WEEKS, SHE FOUND
18 ME A JOB FULL TIME. NOW I AM WORKING, RENTING A STUDIO AND
19 STUDYING ENGLISH. WHEN MY ENGLISH WILL IMPROVE, I AM PLANNING
20 TO GO TO NURSING PROGRAM BECAUSE I WAS NURSE IN MY COUNTRY.
21 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE SAVE THIS GOOD PROGRAM WHICH
22 HELPING PEOPLE LIKE ME TO HAVE A JOB AND BE INDEPENDENT. THANK
23 YOU.
24
25 **SUP. BURKE:** WHICH PROGRAM IS THIS? WHICH PROGRAM?



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2 **BY LYOMBU BIBIANNE:** L.A.H.R.S. PROGRAM.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NEXT WE HAVE ASHLEY DANG, NORA ASHJIAN,
5 JOY HOFER AND ELZA RATIKOVA. THERE ARE 6-1/2 MINUTES LEFT, SO
6 IF YOU SHARE THEM WITH EVERYBODY, THEY MIGHT GET TO SPEAK. MR.
7 JOO.

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9 **SAM JOO:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. I'LL KEEP MY
10 COMMENTS VERY BRIEF. MY NAME IS SAM JOO WITH THE ASIAN-AMERICAN
11 DRUG ABUSE PROGRAM. I THINK THE SERVICES SHOULD STAY IN THE
12 COMMUNITY. A.D.A.P., WE'RE NOT AN EXISTING R.I.T.E. PROVIDER.
13 WE SUBMITTED FOR THIS PROPOSAL BECAUSE WE FELT LIKE SELF-
14 SUFFICIENCY WAS WHAT THE SERVICES WERE ABOUT. WE PUT A LOT OF
15 TIME AND EFFORT IN PUTTING THE SERVICES TOGETHER AND I THINK
16 WE WERE REWARDED WITH THE HIGHEST SCORE. WE WERE ONLY
17 ELIMINATED AFTER THE PROP "A" ANALYSIS. SO OUR RECOMMENDATION
18 IS PLEASE REVIEW THE PROP "A" ANALYSIS. I THINK THE SERVICES
19 SHOULD STAY WITH COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MISS DANG. ALL RIGHT. MISS
22 ASHJIAN. GO AHEAD.

23

24 **NORA L. ASHJIAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME
25 IS NORA ASHJIAN AND I HAVE A COMMENT REGARDING THE MULTIPLE



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1 LANGUAGE COVERAGE COSTS. D.P.S.S. ANALYSIS DOES NOT ADEQUATELY
2 ADDRESS THE COST FOR MULTIPLE LANGUAGE ACCESS BASED ON CIVIL
3 RIGHTS REQUIREMENTS FOR SERVICES TO LIMITED ENGLISH SPEAKERS.
4 WHERE IS THE COST OF USING ADDITIONAL STAFF OR THE COST OF
5 USING LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES? D.P.S.S. RESPONSE IS THAT THEY
6 HAVE G.S.W.S WHO ARE CERTIFIED TO COMMUNICATE PROFICIENTLY IN
7 THE REQUIRED LANGUAGES. IT FURTHER STATES THAT THEY HAVE
8 BILINGUAL RESOURCE LOG WHICH LISTS STAFF WHO HAVE OTHER
9 LANGUAGE CAPABILITIES. HOWEVER, IT STATES THAT, AND I QUOTE,
10 "IF, FOR A REASON, A PARTICULAR LANGUAGE CANNOT BE SERVED,
11 THEN SIMILAR TO THE R.I.T.E. PROVIDERS, WE WOULD ENGAGE THE
12 LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES." THIS STATEMENT IS NOT TRUE. SO FAR,
13 THE NON-ENGLISH, NON-SPANISH SERVICE PROVIDERS HAVE NOT
14 ENGAGED THE LANGUAGES LINE SERVICES. THE PROVIDERS HAD THE
15 STAFF READY AND AVAILABLE IN PERSON TO PROVIDE SERVICES IN THE
16 NEEDED LANGUAGES. THE PROVIDERS BELIEVE THAT SERVING THE NON-
17 ENGLISH, NON-SPANISH POPULATION REQUIRES MORE THAN G.S.W.S WHO
18 ARE CERTIFIED TO COMMUNICATE PROFICIENTLY. IT ENTAILS THE
19 ABILITY TO UNDERSTAND THE NEED OF THE PARTICIPANTS AND
20 APPROPRIATE WAY TO ADDRESS THOSE NEEDS. ALL PARTICIPANTS DO
21 NOT HAVE SIMILAR NEEDS. THERE IS A LOT OF SOCIAL WORK INVOLVED
22 ALONG THE WAY IN DEALING WITH THE PARTICIPANTS' NEEDS. IN
23 CLOSING, WHICH IS MORE EFFECTIVE: THE USE OF LANGUAGE LINE
24 SERVICES OR THE PERSON-TO-PERSON SERVICE DELIVERY? THANK YOU
25 FOR YOUR TIME.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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4 **ASHLEY DANG:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ASHLEY DANG. I'M
5 REPRESENTER TO MY CLIENTS AND I WOULD LIKE TO READ ONE OF THE
6 LETTERS FROM ONE OF MY CLIENTS. "GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF
7 SUPERVISORS, LADY AND GENTLEMAN. MY NAME IS PHAM TRAM. I AM AN
8 IMMIGRANT FROM VIETNAM. MY FAMILY AND I CAME TO THE UNITED
9 STATES IN 1995.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AYE, YI, YI, YI...

12

13 **ASHLEY DANG:** WE ARE CURRENTLY RESIDING IN THE SAN GABRIEL
14 CITY. BEFORE ENROLLING IN PACE PROGRAM IN EARLY 2004, I WAS
15 WORKING FOR A GARMENT FACTORY AS A SEWING MACHINE OPERATOR.
16 R.I.T.E. PROGRAM HELPED ME FIND JOB IN ACCOUNTING, CLERK
17 TRAINING. WITHOUT PACE PROGRAM ASSISTANCE AND REFERRED
18 SERVICES, I WOULD NOT HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK IN
19 ACCOUNTING JOB. PLEASE DO NOT TERMINATE P.A.C.E. R.I.T.E.
20 PROGRAM AND OTHER R.I.T.E. PROGRAMS BECAUSE MANY IMMIGRANTS
21 LIKE ME RELY ON THEIR HELP TO GET JOBS SO THAT THEY CAN BRING
22 FOOD TO THE TABLE TO FEED MY FAMILY. P.A.C.E. R.I.T.E.'S
23 PROGRAM STAFF CARE AND CONCERN MY FAMILY'S NEEDS AND OTHERS.
24 AGAIN, PLEASE GIVE THEM YOUR SUPPORT." THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOU ARE MISS HOFFER?

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3 **JOY HOFER:** YES, JOY HOFER.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. LET ME JUST CALL BRENDA THOMAS.

6 HOPEFULLY WE'LL GIVE HER ENOUGH TIME TO SPEAK.

7

8 **JOY HOFER:** MY NAME IS JOY HOFER. I WORK WITH INTERNATIONAL
9 INSTITUTE OF LOS ANGELES, WHICH HAS BEEN SERVING IMMIGRANTS
10 AND REFUGEES IN LOS ANGELES SINCE 1914. I WANT TO SAY THAT WE,
11 AS R.I.T.E. PROVIDERS, BELIEVE THAT WE ARE PROVIDING THE
12 HIGHEST QUALITY AND LOWEST COST SERVICES FOR THE NON-ENGLISH,
13 NON-SPANISH WELFARE-TO-WORK PARTICIPANTS. WE WANT TO CONTINUE
14 PROVIDING THESE SERVICES. WE REALLY BELIEVE THAT THIS-- THE
15 WHOLE R.F.P. PROCESS WAS SERIOUSLY FLAWED. AS YOU KNOW,
16 D.P.S.S. PUT OUT THE R.F.P. AND, IN A VERY REAL SENSE,
17 D.P.S.S. WAS, OF COURSE, OUR GREATEST COMPETITOR FOR THE
18 CONTRACT. THEY MADE CLEAR THEIR DESIGNS THAT THEY WANTED TO
19 GET THE SERVICES BACK. AND THE MAJOR PROBLEM WAS WHAT HAPPENED
20 WITH THE PROP "A" ANALYSIS. THEY CLAIM NOW THAT-- D.P.S.S.
21 CLAIMS THAT THEY CAN PROVIDE BETTER SERVICES FOR LESS MONEY.
22 WE DON'T BELIEVE THIS IS TRUE. THIS IS WHAT D.P.S.S. HAS SAID
23 RELATED TO HOW THEY'RE GOING TO PROVIDE CHEAPER SERVICES: "THE
24 R.F.P. REQUIRED PROPOSAL IS TO INCLUDE THE COST FOR JOB
25 DEVELOPERS." D.P.S.S. RESPONDED BY SAYING THAT THEY COULD



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1 PROVIDE ALL THESE SERVICES FOR FREE BECAUSE THEY HAD SO MANY
2 EXTRA JOB DEVELOPERS WHO APPARENTLY DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH WORK TO
3 DO AND COULD JUST TAKE ON THIS EXTRA WORKLOAD. THESE ARE 4,000
4 NON-ENGLISH, NON-SPANISH PARTICIPANTS THAT THEY CAN SERVICE
5 WITH NO ADDITIONAL COSTS FOR JOB DEVELOPERS. THE SECOND THING
6 THEY SAID WAS THAT THEY DIDN'T HAVE TO PAY ANYTHING FOR OFFICE
7 COSTS. AGAIN, THEY HAD ENOUGH FREE OFFICE SPACE, THEY HAD
8 EXTRA SPACE THAT WASN'T CURRENTLY BEING USED AND SO THEY WOULD
9 BE ABLE TO DO THIS PROGRAM WITHOUT PAYING ANY MONEY FOR
10 PHONES, UTILITIES OR SPACE. THE THIRD THING THEY SAID IS THAT
11 THEY WOULD NOT NEED TO HIRE ANY ADMIN OR THERE WOULD BE NO
12 ADMIN STAFF COSTS. SINCE THESE COSTS, AND I QUOTE, "COULD BE
13 EASILY UNDERTAKEN BY THE EXISTING REGIONAL ADMIN STAFF."
14 AGAIN, WE HAVE THE SITUATION WITH D.P.S.S. STAFF WHO
15 APPARENTLY HAVE EXTRA TIME ON THEIR HANDS CAN EASILY...

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MISS HOFER. THAT CONCLUDES THE
18 TESTIMONY.

19

20 **JOY HOFER:** OKAY.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** ITEM 18 HAD ALL THE TIME THEY NEEDED.

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY. ALL RIGHT. THAT ITEM IS BEFORE
2 US.

3
4 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR?

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6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YES, SIR.

7
8 **SUP. KNABE:** I'D LIKE TO OFFER MY STAFF TO WRITE A SUBSTITUTE
9 MOTION IN REGARDS TO ITEM 42. SINCE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR
10 CALWORKS PROGRAM IN 1998, WELFARE-TO-WORK CASE MANAGEMENT
11 SERVICES FOR PARTICIPANTS WHOSE PRIMARY LANGUAGE IS OTHER THAN
12 ENGLISH OR SPANISH HAD BEEN ADMINISTERED SEPARATELY FROM
13 SERVICES FROM THE-- FOR THE ENGLISH AND SPANISH-SPEAKING
14 PARTICIPANTS. RESULTS OF THE CURRENT R.F.P. PROCESS
15 ADMINISTERED BY D.P.S.S. INDICATE THAT IT IS NO LONGER VIABLE
16 TO ADMINISTER THE CASES SEPARATELY. IN THIS CONTEXT, IT IS
17 APPROPRIATE FOR D.P.S.S. TO ASSUME DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY FOR
18 NON-ENGLISH, NON-SPANISH CASES, IN THOSE REGIONS WHERE
19 D.P.S.S. STAFF PROVIDE CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES. HOWEVER, IN
20 GAIN, REGIONS TWO AND SEVEN WHERE CONTRACTORS PROVIDE CASE
21 MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR ENGLISH AND SPANISH-SPEAKING CASES,
22 CASE MANAGEMENT CASES FOR NON-ENGLISH, NON-SPANISH CASES
23 SHOULD ALSO BE DELIVERED BY CONTRACTORS. THE CURRENT
24 CONTRACTORS FOR WELFARE-TO-WORK CASE MANAGEMENT FOR ENGLISH
25 AND SPANISH CASES IN REGIONS TWO AND SEVEN ARE SCHEDULED TO



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1 EXPIRE ON SEPTEMBER 30TH OF THIS YEAR. THEREFORE, THIS IS AN
2 IDEAL OPPORTUNITY TO INCORPORATE THE NON-ENGLISH, NON-SPANISH
3 CASES IN THOSE REGIONS INTO THE R.F.P. FOR THOSE TWO REGIONS.
4 SO I WOULD THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD INSTRUCT THE DIRECTOR
5 OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES TO, ONE, CANCEL THE CURRENT R.F.P.
6 FOR WELFARE-TO-WORK CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR ENGLISH AND
7 SPANISH-SPEAKING CASES AND GAIN WITH REGIONS TWO AND SEVEN AND
8 REISSUE THE R.F.P. FOR ALL CASES IN REGIONS TWO AND SEVEN
9 INCLUDING NON-ENGLISH, NON-SPANISH CASES. TWO, TO EXTEND THE
10 CURRENT GAIN CASE MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS IN REGIONS TWO AND
11 SEVEN ON A MONTH-TO-MONTH BASIS UNTIL NO LATER THAN DECEMBER
12 31ST, 2005, TO ENABLE THE NEW R.F.P. PROCESS TO BE COMPLETED.
13 THREE, EXTEND THE CURRENT R.I.T.E. PROVIDER CONTRACTS FOR
14 SERVICES IN GAIN REGIONS TWO AND SEVEN WITH THOSE R.I.T.E.
15 PROVIDERS CURRENTLY PROVIDING SERVICES IN EITHER/OR BOTH OF
16 THOSE REGIONS ON A MONTH-TO-MONTH BASIS UNTIL NO LATER THAN
17 DECEMBER 31ST, 2005, TO ENABLE THE NEW R.F.P. PROCESS TO BE
18 COMPLETED. AND, FOUR, ASSUME DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY FOR CASE
19 MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE COUNTY EFFECTIVE
20 JUNE 1ST, 2005 OR AS SOON THEREAFTER HAS ADMINISTRATIVELY
21 FEASIBLE.

22
23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'LL SECOND THAT BUT, JUST FOR CLARIFICATION,
24 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT ALL NON-ENGLISH, ARMENIAN, ASIAN, ET
25 CETERA?



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** RIGHT.

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4 **SUP. BURKE:** IS THAT TRUE? I HAVE A QUESTION. IS THAT CORRECT?

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** ASK BRYCE.

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8 **SUP. BURKE:** IS PACE LOCATED LOCATED IN 2 OR 7?

9

10 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** SUPERVISOR BURKE, P.A.C.E. IS NOT INCLUDED IN
11 EITHER ONE OF THOSE SPECIFIC CONTRACT AREAS.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. WELL, MY CONCERN IS THAT FOR US TO HAVE
14 ONE RULE AS TO PART OF THE AREA AND TO SAY THAT WE'RE GOING TO
15 CANCEL ONE CONTRACT, TO ME, DOES NOT MAKE SENSE. I WOULD ASK
16 SUPERVISOR KNABE IF HE WOULD BE WILLING TO PROVIDE THAT ALL OF
17 THE GAIN CONTRACTS BE CONTINUED UNTIL DECEMBER 31ST-- THE
18 R.I.T.E. CONTRACTS UNTIL AN R.F.P. CAN BE ISSUED, THE NEW
19 R.F.P. IS ISSUED IN 2 AND 7. BECAUSE IT SEEMS TO ME UNFAIR TO
20 SEPARATE OUT ONE CONTRACTOR AND TERMINATE THEM AND THEY ARE
21 ONE OF THOSE WHO HAVE THE LOWEST IN TERMS OF OVER BILLING.
22 THEY HAD THE SECOND LOWEST.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** BUT IT'S STILL OVER BILLING. CHARGING THE
25 PUBLIC FOR WORK THEY DIDN'T DO.



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT, WELL, YES, YOU KNOW, AND I AGREE WITH
3 THAT BUT THE THING IS, WHAT YOU'RE DOING IS PENALIZING THE ONE
4 WHO HAS THE LEAST AND GIVING A BENEFIT TO THOSE WHO HAVE THE
5 HIGHEST. YOU HAVE PEOPLE HERE...

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** IS THAT POSSIBLE? I MEAN, IF THAT'S FEASIBLE, I
8 DON'T...

9

10 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** SUPERVISOR, THE DIFFICULTY THAT THAT MAY
11 CREATE IS THAT WE'RE ONLY TALKING ABOUT 1,500 CASES HERE IN
12 THESE TWO SPECIFIC REGIONS AND TO INCLUDE AND BREAK THE
13 CASELOAD UP FOR ANOTHER PROVIDER, THEY MAY NOT BE WILLING TO
14 GO INTO THE NORTH COUNTY OR TO THE WEST VALLEY TO PROVIDE
15 THOSE SERVICES. TO ME, IT WOULDN'T MAKE SENSE BUT...

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, WHAT I'M SAYING IS, IN DECEMBER, IF THEY'RE
18 NOT INTERESTED IN DOING IT, THEN THERE ARE OTHER ALTERNATIVES
19 WE COULD LOOK AT AT THAT POINT AND, AT THAT POINT, I WOULD BE
20 WILLING TO SAY, OKAY, BRING IT IN HOUSE, BUT, AT THIS POINT, I
21 DON'T SEE HOW YOU CANCEL ONE CONTRACT. I HONESTLY DO NOT AND I
22 DON'T SEE HOW YOU CONTRACT ONE CONTRACT WHERE IT'S THE ONE WHO
23 HAS THE LOWEST, ALMOST THE LOWEST IN TERMS OF OVER BILLING.
24 FRANKLY, I BELIEVE THAT YOU'LL HAVE BETWEEN NOW AND DECEMBER
25 TO FIGURE OUT WHAT HAPPENS TO THEM AFTER THAT. BUT I, FOR ONE,



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1 AM NOT WILLING TO VOTE ON SOMETHING-- AND I THINK IT'S
2 PATENTLY UNFAIR TO SAY YOU CANCEL ONE CONTRACT AND SEPARATE
3 OUT ONE CONTRACT TO CANCEL.

4

5 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** AS I UNDERSTAND THE AMENDMENT, SUPERVISOR,
6 UNDER SUPERVISOR KNABE'S AMENDMENT, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, THERE
7 WILL BE A NEW R.F.P. PROCESS THAT WOULD INCLUDE THE NON-
8 ENGLISH, NON-SPANISH AND ALL CONTRACTORS WOULD HAVE AN ABILITY
9 TO...

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** IN DECEMBER, RIGHT.

12

13 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** YES. IT WOULD BE OPEN TO ALL COMERS AND THEY
14 WOULD HAVE AN ABILITY TO DO THAT.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** YES, BUT WHAT'S HAPPENING IS ALL OF THOSE OTHERS
17 ARE CONTINUING UNTIL DECEMBER AND I WOULD SIMPLY MOVE THAT YOU
18 INCLUDE P.A.C.E. AND THAT NOT BE JUST-- THAT YOU WOULDN'T
19 EXCLUDE THEM BETWEEN NOW AND DECEMBER AND, BETWEEN NOW AND
20 DECEMBER, IT SEEMS TO ME, YOU COULD FIGURE OUT EXACTLY WHAT
21 HAPPENS WITH THEM.

22

23 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** SUPERVISOR, WHILE I DON'T DISAGREE WITH THAT
24 LOGIC, I THINK THE OTHER ASPECT OF IT THAT WE HAVE TO CONSIDER



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1 IS THAT, GENERALLY SPEAKING, OUR COMMUNITY AGENCIES WORK IN
2 SPECIFIC AREAS OF THE COUNTY...

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** I UNDERSTAND THAT

5

6 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** AND, AGAIN, THIS WOULD BE MOVING THEM OUT OF
7 THEIR SOUTH LOS ANGELES AREA.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT YOU'RE NOT DOING IT RIGHT NOW. RIGHT NOW,
10 YOU'RE CONTINUING ALL THE R.I.T.E. CONTRACTS UNTIL DECEMBER
11 EXCEPT FOR P.A.C.E.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** HE IS NOT. THAT'S WHAT THE MOTION SAYS.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, SUPERVISOR BURKE...

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** THAT'S WHAT THE MOTION IS DOING.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** SUPERVISOR BURKE, I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM AMENDING
20 MINE TO INCLUDE ALL RITE PROVIDERS.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE:** INCLUDE ALL OF THEM AND THEN, BETWEEN NOW AND
23 DECEMBER...

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO NOW WE START AGAIN. ALL RIGHT.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** COULD WE JUST GET A-- NOW THAT HE
3 UNDERSTANDS THE AMENDMENT, WILL YOU JUST-- CAN THAT BE DONE?

4

5 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** SUPERVISOR, IT CAN BE DONE BUT AS, AGAIN, AS I
6 SAID, WHAT IT REALLY IS, WE HAVE A FIXED NUMBER OF CASES IN
7 THESE TWO REGIONS. WE'VE GOT 1,500 CASES IN THESE TWO REGIONS.
8 BY ADDING ANOTHER

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT IF I UNDERSTAND-- AS I UNDERSTAND THE
11 AMENDMENT, IT WOULD APPLY COUNTYWIDE, WOULD IT NOT?

12

13 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** NO. IT WOULD BE SPECIFIC TO THESE TWO REGIONS,
14 AS I UNDERSTAND THE AMENDMENT.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO IT WOULD BE THE AGENCIES IN THE REMNANT,
17 WHATEVER THE REMNANT IS, THESE OTHER AGENCIES LIKE PACE DO IN
18 THESE TWO REGIONS?

19

20 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** THAT'S CORRECT. THAT'S CORRECT. THE REMNANT
21 WOULD BE PICKED UP CURRENTLY BY ROUGHLY EIGHT PROVIDERS AND
22 WHAT SUPERVISOR BURKE IS REQUESTING IS THAT WE BRING ANOTHER
23 CONTRACTOR IN SO THAT THEY DON'T GET LEFT OUT...

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE:** NO, I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT WHAT YOU DO IN DECEMBER.
2 I'M ONLY TALKING ABOUT NOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING, WHICH IS
3 CANCELING. AND, YOU KNOW, YOU'RE CANCELING ONLY ONE CONTRACT
4 AND WHAT I'M SAYING IS THAT I THINK THAT IT'S UNFAIR TO CANCEL
5 JUST ONE CONTRACT WHEN IT'S ONE OF THE LOWEST. BUT, NOW, WHAT
6 HAPPENS IN DECEMBER, BETWEEN NOW AND DECEMBER, WE'VE GOT SEVEN
7 MONTHS TO DISCUSS THOSE ISSUES, BECAUSE I UNDERSTAND THAT'S A
8 COMPLEX ISSUE IN TERMS OF WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THAT. MAYBE, AT
9 THE END OF DECEMBER, THEY COME IN-HOUSE. AND, BASICALLY, IT
10 WILL BE SIMPLER FOR YOU BECAUSE YOU'LL ONLY BE DEALING WITH
11 ONE LANGUAGE OR ONE SERIES OF LANGUAGES AT THAT POINT.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT, I MEAN, I'M AGREEING TO INCLUDE THAT CONTRACT
14 THAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE I UNDERSTAND WHAT
17 IT IS WE'RE ALL AGREEING TO. I MAY AGREE TO THE MOTION...

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WELL, WE'RE NOT ALL AGREEING.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, I KNOW WE'RE NOT ALL AGREEING BUT,
22 BRYCE, THE MOTION WOULD EXTEND TO ALL CONTRACTORS WHO-- WOULD
23 EXTEND THE CONTRACT THAT ALL THE CONTRACTORS THAT CURRENTLY
24 PROVIDE IN REGIONS 2 AND 7? IS THAT THE WAY YOU UNDERSTAND IT?

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE:** THAT WAS YOUR MOTION AND I'M SAYING...

2

3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO, THAT WASN'T.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE:** THAT WAS KNABE'S MOTION.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO. YOU'RE-- SO WHAT IS YOUR MOTION? I THINK
8 IT GOES BEYOND WHERE YOU THINK IT GOES.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** WHAT I'M SAYING IS THAT...

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MS. BURKE WANTS TO DO THE SAME THING
13 YOU'RE DOING IN 2 AND 7 ACROSS THE BOARD.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** RIGHT. WHICH IS ONLY FOR ONE CONTRACT.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, COUNTYWIDE, IS THAT WHAT...?

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** RIGHT, IT'S JUST ONE CONTRACT.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT YOU WERE
22 DOING AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE YOU-- BECAUSE THAT'S NOT THE WAY
23 YOU UNDERSTOOD IT SO NOW THAT YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT SHE WANTS TO
24 DO, CAN WE DO THAT?

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, HE'S TALKING ABOUT, IN DECEMBER, WHEN YOU
2 HAVE THE NEW G.A.I.N. CONTRACT GO OUT AS FAR AS ALL THE-- AND
3 YOU START PUTTING THEM ALL TOGETHER, HE'S CONCERNED WHAT
4 HAPPENS IN DECEMBER BECAUSE, IN EACH ONE OF THESE AREAS, YOU
5 HAVE-- YOU WOULD NOT-- THEY DON'T COVER THE AREA THAT RIGHT
6 NOW IS COVERED BY MAXIMUS, LET'S SAY, SO HE'S THERE IN
7 DECEMBER. ALL I'M SAYING IS, BETWEEN NOW AND DECEMBER, WE
8 WOULD DISCUSS THAT ISSUE AND ARRIVE AT WHAT MAYBE COMES IN-
9 HOUSE AT THAT POINT RATHER THAN HAVING-- SIMPLY BECAUSE THE
10 FACT THAT-- IF IT CAUSES YOU A PROBLEM. BUT ALL I'M SAYING IS
11 WHY BRING ONE IN-HOUSE TODAY WHEN THE REST OF THEM ARE NOT
12 BEING BROUGHT IN-HOUSE? AND THAT'S ALL I'M SAYING.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LET ME-- THAT'S NOT THE WAY I UNDERSTAND THE
15 LAY OF THE LAND. WHAT I THINK MR. KNABE'S MOTION DOES, HIS
16 ORIGINAL MOTION DID, WAS IT SAID THAT THOSE-- AND CORRECT ME
17 IF I AM WRONG, BECAUSE I'M HAVING TROUBLE UNDERSTANDING THIS
18 MYSELF, IT SAID THAT THOSE NONPROFITS, THOSE CONTRACTORS WHO
19 ARE PROVIDING SERVICES IN REGIONS 2 AND 7 WOULD BE EXTENDED
20 AND THEN YOU WOULD PRESUMABLY REISSUE A NEW-- IS THAT CORRECT?
21 A NEW R.F.P., TIE IT INTO-- I MEAN, YOU COULD WITH G.A.I.N. OR
22 WITH SOMETHING, WHATEVER ELSE YOU'RE GOING TO DO. I DON'T KNOW
23 WHAT YOUR OPTIONS ARE BUT 2 AND 7 IS WHAT YOUR-- WHAT THE
24 MOTION ORIGINALLY WAS LIMITED TO...

25



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1 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** SUPERVISOR, AS I UNDERSTAND...

2

3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FOR ALL OF THE AGENCIES THAT SERVE 2 AND 7,
4 CORRECT?

5

6 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** YES. FROM MY UNDERSTANDING OF SUPERVISOR
7 KNABE'S AMENDMENT, WE WOULD BE CONTINUING THE CONTRACTS THAT
8 CURRENTLY EXIST IN REGIONS TWO AND SEVEN.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** WHICH ARE ALL OF THEM EXCEPT FOR ONE.

11

12 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** THAT'S CORRECT, IT IS WITH ALL OF THE
13 CONTRACTORS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE OF THE CONTRACTORS. NOW,
14 THAT IS, IN LARGE PART, BECAUSE...

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT IS ONE OF THE CONTRACT-- WHICH
17 CONTRACTOR IS THAT?

18

19 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** THE CONTRACTOR SPECIFICALLY IS P.A.C.E.
20 SPECIFIC...

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND WHERE DO THEY PROVIDE SERVICE?

23

24 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** THEY NORMALLY PROVIDE SERVICES IN SOUTH LOS
25 ANGELES.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO IT'S NOT IN 2 AND 7?

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** THAT'S RIGHT.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO P.A.C.E. IS THE ONLY REMAINING AGENCY
7 THAT IS NOT A R.I.T.E. CONTRACTOR?

8

9 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** THAT'S CORRECT.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY.

12

13 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** IN THESE TWO PARTICULAR REGIONS.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** IN OTHER WORDS, WHAT THE PRESENT MOTION DOES IS
16 THAT IT CANCELS ONE CONTRACT, WHICH IS P.A.C.E.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO, NO.

19

20 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** NO. SUPERVISOR, IT DOES NOT CANCEL ANY
21 CONTRACTS.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, THE REST CONTINUE. ALL THE OTHERS CONTINUE
24 UNTIL DECEMBER, IS THAT CORRECT? ALL IN 2 AND 7 CONTINUE UNTIL
25 DECEMBER.



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2 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** THAT IS CORRECT, THOSE WOULD CONTINUE.
3 HOWEVER, JUST TO BE CLEAR, SUPERVISOR, WE ARE NOT GOING TO BE
4 TERMINATING P.A.C.E. FROM THE EXISTING CONTRACTS. P.A.C.E. IS
5 NOT A CONTRACTOR IN REGIONS 2 AND 7.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE:** I UNDERSTAND BUT IT SAYS, "ASSUME DIRECT
8 RESPONSIBILITY FOR CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE REMAINDER
9 OF THE COUNTY, EFFECTIVE JUNE 1ST, 2005." SO, AS TO P.A.C.E.,
10 ON JUNE 1ST, 2005, IT WOULD COME IN-HOUSE, ACCORDING TO THIS
11 MOTION.

12

13 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** ACCORDING TO THE MOTION, AS I UNDERSTAND IT...

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** THAT'S THE EXACT WORDING OF THIS MOTION.

16

17 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** CURRENTLY, THE RECOMMENDATION BY MY DEPARTMENT
18 AND THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER IS TO BRING ALL OF THE R.I.T.E.
19 CASES BACK IN-HOUSE.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE:** I UNDERSTAND. BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT THIS MOTION
22 SAYS.

23

24 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** WE ALL UNDERSTAND THAT. OKAY. THE AMENDMENT,
25 THIS MOTION CURRENTLY, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, IS REQUESTING THAT



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1 WE CONTINUE WITH THE CURRENT SERVICES IN TWO REGIONS: REGION 2
2 AND REGION 7 BY THE CURRENT CONTRACTORS. IT IS NOT GOING TO BE
3 ELIMINATING ANY CONTRACTORS FROM THE CURRENT...

4

5 **SUP. BURKE:** FROM 2 AND 7, RIGHT.

6

7 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** FROM 2 AND 7. THAT'S CORRECT.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT THERE'S ONE LEFT AND THAT ONE COMES UNDER
10 SECTION 4, "ASSUME DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY FOR CASE MANAGEMENT
11 SERVICES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE COUNTY," WHICH IS ONLY ONE
12 CONTRACTOR, P.A.C.E., "EFFECTIVE JUNE 1ST, 2005." SO LET ME
13 ASK THE COUNTY COUNSEL, WITH THIS LANGUAGE, IS THERE ONE
14 CONTRACT THAT IS TERMINATED WHICH IS P.A.C.E. AND BROUGHT IN-
15 HOUSE?

16

17 **RAY FORTNER:** MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISOR BURKE, IT APPEARS THAT
18 THAT IS WHAT THAT IS SAYING BUT THERE IS SO MUCH CONFUSION...

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** IT'S VERY CLEAR.

21

22 **RAY FORTNER:** YEAH, I BELIEVE THAT'S WHAT THOSE WORDS ARE
23 SAYING.

24



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** WOULD IT BE APPROPRIATE TO, YOU KNOW, I'M WILLING
2 TO INCLUDE WHAT SUPERVISOR BURKE IS SAYING, MAYBE TAKE THAT,
3 PUT IT INTO THE MIX AND THEN CONTINUE THIS ITEM A WEEK?

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THEN WE CAN HAVE ANOTHER HALF HOUR,
6 ANOTHER 45 MINUTES TESTIMONY.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S RIGHT. I THINK WE OUGHT TO...

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, I MEAN, OR WE CAN DO IT TODAY, I DON'T CARE.
11 I THINK THAT'S FINE.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK WE OUGHT TO TRY TO WORK IT OUT. CAN
14 I JUST ASK A QUESTION, MADAM CHAIR?

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** I'M FINE WITH VOTING ON IT TODAY.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** I COULD VOTE ON TODAY ALSO.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I ASK A QUESTION?!

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YES, MR. YAROSLAVSKY, PLEASE ASK YOUR
23 QUESTION.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO OFFENSE BUT JUST LET ME-- GIVE ME JUST A
2 FEW MINUTES SO THAT I CAN UNDERSTAND THIS. HOW MANY REGIONS
3 ARE THERE IN THE COUNTY?

4

5 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** SUPERVISOR, WE HAVE 7 REGIONS.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. IN THE FIVE REGIONS OTHER THAN 2 AND
8 7, DO YOU HAVE PRIVATE CONTRACTORS WHO PROVIDE R.I.T.E.
9 SERVICES?

10

11 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** YES, WE DO.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW MANY?

14

15 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** ROUGHLY NINE.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NINE.

18

19 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** YES.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO P.A.C.E. IS NOT THE ONLY ONE THAT
22 PROVIDES CONTRACT SERVICES IN THE REST OF THE COUNTY?

23

24 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** THAT'S CORRECT.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO P.A.C.E. IS NOT THE ONLY CONTRACTOR THAT
2 WAS GOING TO LOSE ITS CONTRACT AND HAVE IT BROUGHT IN-HOUSE,
3 ISN'T THAT CORRECT?

4

5 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** THAT'S ABSOLUTELY CORRECT.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. THERE ARE EIGHT OTHERS THAT WOULD ALSO
8 BE BROUGHT IN-HOUSE IF MR. KNABE'S MOTION IS APPROVED, IS THAT
9 CORRECT?

10

11 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** THAT IS CORRECT.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WITHOUT THE AMENDMENT?

14

15 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** THAT'S CORRECT.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO IF YOU WANT TO DO IT-- IF YOU WANTED TO
18 DO IT, GO ALL THE WAY, YOU'D CANCEL THE WHOLE DAMN THING AND I
19 DON'T THINK ANY OF US-- CERTAINLY, I DON'T WANT TO DO THAT. SO
20 THAT'S WHY I WAS-- I THINK THERE WAS SOME CONFUSION HERE. I
21 THINK MS. BURKE WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT THE ONLY OTHER
22 CONTRACT THAT WAS GOING TO BE BROUGHT IN AS THOUGH IT WERE
23 SINGLED OUT WAS P.A.C.E. THERE IS P.A.C.E. AND THERE ARE EIGHT
24 OTHERS THAT ARE IN THE EXACT SAME POSITION IF THIS MOTION, AS
25 ORIGINALLY INTRODUCED, IS PASSED, IS THAT CORRECT?



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2 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** JUST FOR A POINT OF CLARIFICATION...

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO SEE THE LIST OF FOUR...

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN YOU JUST ANSWER THE QUESTION? GO AHEAD.

7

8 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** FOR THE REGIONS 2 AND 7, EIGHT OF THE OTHER
9 PROVIDERS ARE ALREADY PROVIDING SERVICES...

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M TALKING ABOUT REGIONS 2 AND 7. I'M
12 TALKING REGIONS 1, 3, 4, 5 AND 6. HOW MANY OTHER AGENCIES, HOW
13 MANY PRIVATE AGENCIES PROVIDE SERVICES IN 1, 3, 4, 5 AND 6?

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. YAROSLAVSKY, JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE--
16 IT'S THE SAME...

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I CAN'T-- I CAN'T...

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** JUST A SECOND! MR. BRYCE, COULD YOU
21 JUST...

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S MY TIME.

24



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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ...TELL HIM IT'S THE SAME AGENCY, EVEN
2 THOUGH IT'S IN DIFFERENT REGIONS?

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND THAT BUT THAT'S...

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OH, OKAY. SO MS. BURKE IS CORRECT?

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LET ME ASK MY OWN QUESTIONS AND IF I'M
9 STUPID, IT'S MY PROBLEM.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, I THINK IT'S THE WAY IT'S WORDED...

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT I CAN'T EVEN GET A-- I CAN'T EVEN GET
14 TWO CONSECUTIVE QUESTIONS IN HERE. SUDDENLY THE RULES HAVE
15 CHANGED!

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. BRYCE, CAN YOU ANSWER HIS QUESTION?!!

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FOR CRYING OUT LOUD!! LET ME JUST GET THIS
20 SO AT LEAST I UNDERSTAND IT. I MAY END UP AGREEING WITH YOU,
21 OR I MAY NOT BUT RIGHT NOW, I'M CONFUSED, AS IS EVERYBODY
22 ELSE. MR. YOKOMIZO, HOW MANY PRIVATE AGENCIES, PRIVATE
23 CONTRACTORS DO WE CONTRACT WITH FOR R.I.T.E. SERVICES IN
24 REGIONS 1, 3, 4, 5 AND 6?

25



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1 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** A TOTAL OF NINE.

2

3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NINE?

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5 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** YES.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO I'M BACK TO THIS STATEMENT THAT WAS MADE,
8 THAT, IF MR. KNABE'S MOTION WERE APPROVED AS ORIGINALLY
9 INTRODUCED, ONLY ONE AGENCY WOULD BE SINGLED OUT FOR BEING
10 BROUGHT BACK-- FOR HAVING ITS WORKLOAD BROUGHT BACK IN-HOUSE
11 IS NOT ACCURATE? THERE WOULD BE NINE AGENCIES WHOSE WORK IN
12 THOSE FIVE OTHER REGIONS WOULD BE BROUGHT BACK IN-HOUSE? AM I
13 CORRECT?

14

15 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** YOU ARE CORRECT.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THEREFORE...

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** DON'T INTERRUPT HIM.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ...I JUST RAISE THE QUESTION AND MAYBE
24 THERE'S A SOLUTION TO THIS BUT I RAISE THE QUESTION THAT, YOU
25 KNOW, MAYBE MR. KNABE'S MOTION WAS PRUDENT AND THREADED A



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1 NEEDLE HERE THAT DOESN'T OPEN UP ANY MORE OF A PANDORA'S BOX
2 THAN HAS ALREADY OPENED UP, BECAUSE THERE ISN'T JUST ONE, AND
3 IT WASN'T ONE THAT WAS SINGLED OUT BY THIS. SO I'M INCLINED TO
4 JUST-- IF YOU HAVE A SOLUTION TO THIS OR SOMETHING YOU WANT TO
5 HELP US THROUGH THIS-- IF IT IS A DILEMMA, THEN SPEAK UP.
6 OTHERWISE, I THINK MR. KNABE WAS ON THE RIGHT TRACK. PERHAPS
7 WE CAN CONSIDER HIS MOTION AND, IF WE APPROVE HIS MOTION,
8 APPROVE HIS MOTION AND THEN ASK YOU TO COME BACK WITH A REPORT
9 ON HOW WE-- ON HOW WE DEAL-- I DON'T KNOW IF YOU WANT TO JUST
10 DEAL WITH P.A.C.E. BECAUSE THERE ARE EIGHT OTHERS AND THAT'S
11 THE PROBLEM. SO I'M READY TO VOTE AND TO SUPPORT MR. KNABE'S
12 MOTION AS ORIGINALLY INTRODUCED. I'M RETICENT ON THE
13 AMENDMENT...

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MS. BURKE?

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ...UNLESS I UNDERSTAND IT MORE CLEARLY.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. I JUST WANT TO CLARIFY ONE LAST WORD.
20 OF THOSE NINE, HOW MANY OF THOSE NINE ALSO WORK IN 2 AND 7?

21

22 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** EIGHT OF THE NINE ALSO WORK IN 2 AND 7. ONE OF
23 THE NINE...

24

25 **SUP. BURKE:** SO THERE'S ONLY ONE THAT DOES NOT WORK IN 2 AND 7?



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2 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** THAT'S CORRECT.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** SO OTHER WORDS, FROM ALL OF THIS THAT YOU ASKED
5 HIM, SEE, THERE WAS JUST-- THE WHOLE QUESTION WASN'T ANSWERED.
6 OF ALL OF THE OTHERS, THEY WERE...

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** UNDERSTOOD.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** SO THERE'S ONLY ONE THAT IS CANCELLED.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT A LOT OF THE WORK OF THE OTHER EIGHT, I
13 DON'T KNOW IF IT'S A LOT, BUT SOME OF THE WORK OF THE OTHER
14 EIGHT ARE DONE IN THE OTHER REGIONS AND THEY WILL NO LONGER BE
15 DOING THAT WORK, SO THEY WILL BE TAKING A HIT, WHATEVER THAT
16 HIT IS. CORRECT?

17

18 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** YES. AND, FRANKLY, SUPERVISOR, IF YOU BRING
19 ANOTHER CONTRACTOR INTO THE SAME REGION WITH A FIXED POT,
20 THEY'LL ALSO BE TAKING A HIT FROM THE NEW CASES THAT YOU WANT
21 TO DISTRIBUTE TO THE NINTH AGENCY.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** EXACTLY, BECAUSE YOU'RE DIVIDING UP A FIXED
24 AMOUNT OF WORK AMONG NINE INSTEAD OF AMONG EIGHT.

25



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1 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** YOU GOT IT. EXACTLY.

2

3 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT THE THING THAT WE HAVE TO CLARIFY, THE REASON
4 I SAID THAT ALL OF THEM WOULD BE CONTINUED IS BECAUSE, BECAUSE
5 ALL OF THE OTHER, OF EIGHT OF THE OTHER NINE HAVE WORKED IN
6 TWO AND SEVEN. THEY WERE NOT BEING TERMINATED.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, MS. BURKE. ALL RIGHT. I WOULD
9 LIKE TO...

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT ALL NINE COULD BID ON...

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WAIT, WAIT, WAIT. JUST WAIT A MINUTE. MR.
14 KNABE. PLEASE, LET ME CALL ON YOU. IT'S JUST GETTING REAL
15 CONFUSING HERE AND I DON'T KNOW WHERE CLARIFICATION WE NEED
16 BUT IF I COULD JUST SPEAK TO THIS ISSUE. THE BIGGEST CONFUSION
17 OF THIS ALL IS THAT YOU HAVE SUPERVISORS LOOKING AT CERTAIN
18 AGENCIES AND TRYING TO ACCOMMODATE AND THE BIGGEST PROBLEM IS
19 WE'RE VIOLATING EVERY SINGLE PROCEDURE POSSIBLE HERE. WE KEEP
20 ASKING FOR NEW R.F.P.S, WE KEEP GOING THROUGH NEW PROCESSES,
21 NO MATTER WHAT COMES BACK, IT'S NOT ACCEPTABLE UNLESS THEIR
22 FAVORITE AGENCY IS INCLUDED AND THAT'S A REAL PROBLEM. THE
23 BIGGEST PROBLEM HERE IS THAT WE SHOULDN'T BE CONTRACTING OUT
24 THESE SERVICES AT ALL AT THIS POINT IN TIME. AND LET ME REMIND
25 YOU WHAT IS GOING ON HERE AND WHY WE CAME TO THIS CONCLUSION,



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1 BECAUSE IT WAS THE AUDITOR THAT WENT IN AND FOUND REAL
2 PROBLEMS. YOU KNOW, LISTENING TO THESE STORIES FROM IMMIGRANTS
3 AND THE GREAT DOINGS, WHEN I READ THOSE AUDIT REPORTS OF
4 PEOPLE NOT EVEN PROVIDING SERVICES AT ALL, CHEATING PEOPLE OUT
5 OF MONEY, WE ARE STILL PROSECUTING THE PEOPLE WHO VIOLATED
6 THESE CONTRACTS. I MEAN, THEY OWE US HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF
7 DOLLARS. IT IS THE BIGGEST RIP-OFF THIS COUNTY HAS EVER SEEN.
8 AND I THINK, SUPERVISORS, WITH ALL DUE RESPECT TO EVERYBODY
9 WHO IS LOBBYING YOU, YOU SHOULD LISTEN TO THE FINDINGS. HERE
10 ARE THE FINDINGS. IT SAYS THAT ALL OF THE CONTRACTS ARE
11 SIGNIFICANTLY OUT OF COMPLIANCE AND ALL OF THE AGENCIES
12 OVERCHARGED THE DEPARTMENT. THE ONLY EXCEPTION WAS CATHOLIC
13 CHARITIES. CATHOLIC CHARITIES, OF COURSE, DOES NOT PERFORM
14 CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES. ALL THEY DO IS REFER TO THE
15 CONTRACTORS THAT OVER BILLED. SO HE FOUND NO FINDINGS ON
16 CATHOLIC CHARITIES. ADDITIONALLY, THE CONTRACTS ARE NON COST-
17 EFFECTIVE TO PROP "A." AN ORDINANCE THAT WE HAVE IN PLACE THAT
18 TELLS US CLEARLY WHETHER, IN FACT, WE CAN CONTRACT OUT
19 SERVICES OR NOT, NOT COST EFFECTIVE. THE CASE NOT TO CONTRACT
20 OUT THE R.I.T.E. SERVICE CASELOAD, ONE, AUDIT FOUND OVER
21 BILLING, INCONSISTENCY OF SERVICE DELIVERY AND CONTRACTS ARE
22 OUT OF COMPLIANCE. THAT IS MAJOR, FOLKS. THAT IS NOT, YOU
23 KNOW, SOME LITTLE THING. THESE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT
24 PROVIDING SERVICES. OKAY. SOME DID GET SERVICES. OKAY, SOME
25 GOT HELP BUT MAJOR OUT OF COMPLIANCE. ONLY THREE BIDS WERE



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1 FOUND OUT TO BE COST EFFECTIVE. L.A.U.S.D., MAXIMUS AND THE
2 ASIAN/PACIFIC VENTURE. L.A.U.S.D. HAS AN EXCESSIVE OVER
3 BILLING DURING THE TIME OF THE AUDIT. MAXIMUS AND A.C.S. HAVE
4 HAD PROBLEMS WITH SUPPORT OF SERVICES PAYMENT. ACCORDING TO
5 NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES, THE DELAYS IN PAYMENTS FOR
6 CLIENTS SERVED BY A.C.S. ARE PRETTY BAD. NUMBER 3, D.P.S.S.
7 HAS ABOUT 2,400 R.I.T.E. CASES THAT THEY TOOK OVER WHEN OTHER
8 R.I.T.E. AGENCIES CLOSED. THEY FOUND OUT THAT THE CASES IN
9 TOTAL DISARRAY WITH NO CASE MANAGEMENT WHATSOEVER. LESS THAN
10 50 PEOPLE ARE NEEDED TO HANDLE THE ENTIRE CASELOAD IF IT IS
11 BROUGHT BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT. PROP "A" COST ANALYSIS IS
12 SOLID. CONTRACTORS AND BIDDERS HAVE MADE THE PROP "A" COST
13 ANALYSIS IS FLAWED, YET THE AUDITOR HAS BEEN USING THE SAME
14 METHODOLOGY SINCE WE PUT THE ENTIRE PROP "A" ANALYSIS IN
15 PLACE. ACCORDING TO D.P.S.S. AND OUR AUDITOR, THE EXISTING
16 CONTRACTORS TODAY ARE NOT FOLLOWING PROTOCOL AND PROCEDURES.
17 TODAY, THEY ARE NOT DOING IT. NOT TWO YEARS AGO; TODAY THEY'RE
18 NOT DOING IT. ABOUT 30% OF THEM ARE STILL OVER BILLING, THEY
19 ARE STILL CHEATING POOR PEOPLE OUT OF SERVICES THAT THEY
20 SHOULD BE GETTING. THE COUNTY HAS GIVEN CONTRACTORS MORE THAN
21 ENOUGH OPPORTUNITY, WHEN BIDS WERE SUBMITTED, AND NONE OF THEM
22 CAME CLOSE TO MEETING THE PROP "A" REQUIREMENTS. D.P.S.S.
23 REQUESTED A LAST FINAL, BEST OFFER TO OFFER. SELDOM DO
24 DEPARTMENTS BEND OVER BACKWARDS AS THEY HAVE IN THIS INSTANCE
25 TO WORK WITH THE AGENCIES. D.P.S.S., AGAIN, IT HAS THE



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1 CAPABILITY OF PROVIDING THESE CULTURALLY SENSITIVE PROGRAMMING
2 AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES. D.P.S.S. HAS HIRED ABOUT 12 FORMER
3 R.I.T.E. CONTRACTORS STAFF AND THEY ARE READY TO DO IT. AND
4 LET'S NOT FORGET, WHEN I SAW THESE AUDITS AND I SAW WHAT
5 HAPPENED, OF PEOPLE POCKETING THAT MONEY, WE ARE STILL, THE
6 DISTRICT ATTORNEY IS STILL TRYING TO GET MANY OF THOSE PEOPLE
7 TO GIVE US BACK THE \$2.9 MILLION THAT WAS STOLEN BY MANY OF
8 THESE AGENCIES. SO, MEMBERS, I KNOW YOU HAVE FAVORITE FRIENDS
9 OUT THERE AND YOU WANT TO-- BUT IF YOU WANT TO PROVIDE
10 SERVICES TO IMMIGRANTS, THAT ARE CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE, THAT
11 ARE GOING TO MEET THE NEEDS AND THE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES SO
12 THESE PEOPLE CAN NOT ONLY GET INTO THE WORKFORCE BUT HAVE THE
13 KIND OF SOCIALIZATION THAT'S NECESSARY, YOU SHOULD LET THE
14 DEPARTMENT DO IT. THEY'RE GOING TO BE THE MOST CAPABLE OF
15 DOING IT AND MONITOR IT. AND, MOST OF ALL, IF YOU DON'T, YOU
16 ARE VIOLATING YOUR OWN PROP "A" ORDINANCE. AND THAT, I THINK,
17 IS A DIRECT HIT, AND I THINK IT'S INAPPROPRIATE TO BE
18 CONTRACTING OUT ANY OF THESE CONTRACTS. IT IS BEFORE US.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** I WOULD MOVE MY...

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I'M MOVING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE
23 DEPARTMENT. I DON'T KNOW IF IT HAS A SECOND.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, I THINK WE HAVE A SUBSTITUTE BEFORE
2 US.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** A SUBSTITUTE MOTION HAS BEEN SECONDED. I WOULD
5 AMEND IT TO INCLUDE SUPERVISOR BURKE'S CONCERN.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND I'LL SECOND THAT AMENDMENT.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** LET'S CALL THE ROLL.

10

11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ALL RIGHT. ON THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION,
12 SUPERVISOR BURKE?

13

14 **SUP. BURKE:** AYE.

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AYE.

19

20 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

23

24 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AYE.

2

3 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NO.

6

7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** CARRIES 4-TO-1.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THOSE CONCLUDE ALL OF MY ITEMS.

10 MS. BURKE?

11

12 **SUP. BURKE:** I MOVE THAT, WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
13 MEMORY OF BARBARA ADELE JEFFERSON, A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE
14 SECOND DISTRICT, WHO LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY HER THREE
15 DAUGHTERS, ANGELA MINOR, LIZA BROWN, AND KIMBERLY BUCHANAN.
16 AND HELEN JAY CLAYTOR, THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMAN TO
17 HEAD THE Y.W.C.A.'S NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND A CIVIL
18 RIGHTS LEADER WHO PASSED AWAY MAY 10TH. SHE WAS WIDOWED BY
19 EARL WILKINS, BROTHER OF CIVIL RIGHT ACTIVIST AND NAACP
20 EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, ROY WILKINS. HER SECOND HUSBAND, DR.
21 ROBERT CLAYTOR, WAS A PHYSICIAN IN GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN. SHE
22 WAS ELECT PRESIDENT OF GRAND RAPIDS Y.W.C.A. IN 1949,
23 TRIGGERING THE RESIGNATION OF THREE WHITE BOARD MEMBERS, A
24 NATIONAL PRESIDENT IN 1967. SHE SERVED ON THE WORLD COUNCIL
25 UNTIL 1973. IN 2003, SHE WAS SALUTED FOR HER ELOQUENT



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1 TESTAMENT TO DO GREAT THINGS AN INDIVIDUAL CAN ACCOMPLISH. SHE
2 IS SURVIVED BY HER SON, ROGER WILKINS, A JOURNALIST AND
3 PROFESSOR OF HISTORY AT GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY. AND CARMEN
4 PARROTT, M.D., WHO PASSED AWAY SUNDAY, MAY 15TH OF CANCER. SHE
5 WAS A DERMATOLOGIST PRACTICING IN LOS ANGELES AT KAISER
6 PERMANENTE. SHE ALSO SERVED AS ASSISTANT CLINICAL DIRECTOR OF
7 PROFESSOR OF DERMATOLOGY AT KING/DREW MEDICAL CENTER. SHE
8 RECEIVED HER B.A. FROM VASSAR COLLEGE AND MEDICAL DEGREE FROM
9 U.C.S.F. MEDICAL SCHOOL IN 1991. SHE COMPLETED RESIDENCY
10 TRAINING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA IN DERMATOLOGY. SHE
11 JOINED KAISER PERMANENTE IN 1998. HER NUMEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS
12 AND INVALUABLE SERVICE AS A PARTNER OF KAISER PERMANENTE AND
13 TO THE COMMUNITY WILL BE GREATLY MISSED. SHE WAS A LOVED AND
14 COMPASSIONATE PHYSICIAN. SHE LEAVES BEHIND HER, HER PARENTS,
15 FAMILY AND FRIENDS AS WELL AS HER MANY SISTERS IN THE
16 ASSOCIATION OF BLACK WOMEN PHYSICIANS TO CHERISH HER MEMORY.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNMENTS.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** I DON'T KNOW...

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHY DON'T YOU TAKE UP THE FIRE M.O.U. I
23 THINK THAT'S-- C.A.O. HAS THAT RESOLVED, I THINK.

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE:** WHILE YOU'RE COMING TO THAT, SHOULD I TAKE UP 26
2 AND 27?

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** 19 IS THE M.O.U.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** 19? WHICH ONE ARE YOU DOING, MS. BURKE?

7

8 **SUP. BURKE:** I WAS JUST GOING TO CALL UP A COUPLE OF ROUTINE
9 ONES WHILE THEY'RE COMING UP.

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11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY. WELL, WHAT ARE THEY?

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13 **SUP. BURKE:** ITEM NUMBER 26 HELD FOR MR. BAXTER.

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15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ITEM NUMBER 26. EXCUSE ME-- JUST A SECOND.
16 WE HAVE SOMEONE WHO WISHES TO TESTIFY. MR. BAXTER, IF YOU'D
17 JOIN US, PLEASE. MR. BAXTER, WE'RE WAITING FOR YOU.

18

19 **PETER BAXTER:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF YOUR
20 HONORABLE BOARD, MR. JANSSEN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MY NAME IS
21 PETER BAXTER AND I LIVE IN LOS ANGELES. IT IS RESPECTFULLY
22 SUBMITTED THAT THIS AGENDA ITEM PROVIDES FOR HELICOPTERS FOR
23 MEDICAL AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. ON
24 JANUARY 18TH, 2005, FIRE CHIEF P. MICHAEL FREEMAN WROTE A
25 LETTER TO ME AT THE REQUEST OF CHAIR THE HONORABLE GLORIA



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1 MOLINA IN WHICH HE RESPONDED TO MY SUGGESTION FOR THE USE OF A
2 NONFLAMMABLE GAS, LIKE STEAM, FOR FIREFIGHTING. "THAT STEAM",
3 I'M QUOTING THE FIRE CHIEF, "WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE", HE SAID.
4 THAT'S THE END OF THE QUOTATION. ON APRIL 18, ACTING DEPUTY
5 DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WROTE ME A LETTER
6 IN WHICH HE STATES, QUOTING NOW, "AS THE COUNTY BUILDING
7 OFFICIAL, WE CONCUR WITH CHIEF P. MICHAEL FREEMAN'S RECENT
8 RESPONSE TO YOU," THAT IS TO ME, "REGARDING THE TECHNICAL
9 MERITS OF YOUR PROPOSAL" AND THAT MEANS THAT BOTH PUBLIC WORKS
10 AND THE-- SAY THAT THERE IS NO MERIT TO MY PROPOSAL. HERE WE
11 HAVE THE TWO LEADING CIVIL AUTHORITIES, BEING THE FIRE
12 DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, BOTH SETTING
13 OUT A CONCLUSION AS TO MY SUGGESTION TO USE STEAM AS A
14 SUPPRESSANT FOR FIRE WITH A TOTAL ABSENCE OF A FOUNDATION TO
15 SUPPORT THEIR CONCLUSION. PRESENTING A CONCLUSION WITHOUT A
16 FOUNDATION IS A BASIS FOR REJECTING THE CONCLUSION FORTHWITH.
17 THAT MEANS PRESENTING A CONCLUSION WITHOUT PRESENTING A
18 FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT THAT CONCLUSION IS FUNDAMENTALLY
19 WORTHLESS. NOW, I REMEMBER, AND TALKED TO THOMAS T. NAGUCHI,
20 WHEN HE WAS BEFORE THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, HIS ATTORNEY
21 WAS A GENTLEMAN, I BELIEVE, BY THE NAME OF MR. GODFREY ISAACS,
22 I THINK. AND MR. ISAACS, BOY, HE REALLY PUSHED THIS CONCLUSION
23 BUSINESS DURING THE PROCEEDINGS. THE SUPERVISOR FOR THE THIRD
24 DISTRICT, THE HONORABLE ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CITED THE LATIN
25 PHRASE, QUOTING MR. YAROSLAVSKY, RES IPSA LOQUITUR AT THE



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1 HEARING ON MAY 10TH IN THIS BOARDROOM. THAT PHRASE MEANS THAT
2 THE THING OR THE EVENT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF, ALL OF WHICH IS
3 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED AND I THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. BAXTER. THE ITEM IS BEFORE
6 US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE.
7 IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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9 **SUP. BURKE:** 28.

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11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** 28. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL AND YVONNE
12 MICHELLE AUTRY. MISS AUTRY, IF YOU WOULD ALSO ADDRESS THE
13 OTHER ITEM THAT YOU HAVE.

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15 **SUP. BURKE:** IS THAT 75?

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17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I THINK IT'S 75. DR. CLAVREUL? WHERE IS
18 MISS AUTRY? OH, HERE SHE IS. MISS AUTRY, IF YOU WOULD ADDRESS
19 ALL OF YOUR ITEMS, WHICH WERE 28, 30 AND 31, WE WOULD
20 APPRECIATE IT. MISS AUTRY, CAN YOU BEGIN?

21

22 **YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY:** YES. AGAIN, JUST FOR THE RECORD, MY
23 NAME IS YVONNE MICHELLE AUTRY. THANK YOU FOR ANOTHER
24 OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL. REGARDING THIS ITEM, I'D
25 LIKE TO ASK THAT YOU USE YOUR MONEYS NOT JUST FOR TREATMENT



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1 PURPOSES BUT MAYBE YOU SHOULD ALSO ALLOCATE FUNDING, NOT JUST
2 FOR HOSPICES BUT FOR PREVENTION OF A.I.D.S. I'M A BLACK WOMAN
3 AND I SEE SO MUCH TIME AND ENERGY AND MONEYS GOING TOWARDS,
4 YOU KNOW, HOUSING PEOPLE THAT ARE ALREADY SUFFERING FROM
5 A.I.D.S. AND WHY DON'T YOU CONCENTRATE ON ENCOURAGING VALUES
6 LIKE HETEROSEXUALITY, MARRIAGE, ABSTINENCE, FAMILY VALUES AND
7 NOT JUST GIVE OUT SYRINGES AND CONDOMS, BECAUSE IT'S A
8 LIFESTYLE THAT PROPAGATES A.I.D.S. I DON'T THINK IT'S JUST
9 GENETIC. HOWEVER, I WOULD LIKE YOU ALSO TO INVESTIGATE THE
10 POSSIBILITY OF GERM WARFARE PERPETRATED AGAINST PROBLEMATIC
11 PEOPLE, BLACK PEOPLE, PEOPLE OF MIXED RACES. I DO BELIEVE IT
12 COULD BE A POSSIBLE GENOCIDE OR ATTEMPTED GENOCIDE. I KNOW THE
13 TUSKEGEE EXPERIMENTS WERE COVERED UP UNTIL A NURSE HAD THE
14 COURAGE TO EXPOSE THEM. IT WAS NOT FICTION AND I DON'T THINK
15 THAT WAS THE LAST ATTEMPT OF THE CENTER OF DISEASE CONTROL OF
16 THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT TO ELIMINATE BLACK PEOPLE OR PEOPLE
17 THAT THEY DIDN'T WANT TO COMPENSATE OR GIVE REPARATIONS OR 40
18 ACRES AND A MULE TO. BUT, IN KEEPING FOCUSED, I JUST HOPE THAT
19 YOU WOULD USE YOUR MONEY, AGAIN, TO PREVENT THIS DISEASE, NOT
20 JUST TO TREAT THOSE THAT ARE SUFFERING FROM ITS SYMPTOMS. I'D
21 ALSO LIKE FOR YOU TO INVESTIGATE HOW VACCINES AND DIET AND
22 ENVIRONMENT AFFECT WHETHER OR NOT CERTAIN PEOPLE DEVELOP THE
23 SYSTEMS OF A.I.D.S. OR H.I.V. VIRUS. WHY IS IT SO RAMPANT IN
24 THE BLACK AND LATINO COMMUNITY? I DON'T BELIEVE A.I.D.S. IN
25 HAITI OR AFRICAN WITH AFRICAN PEOPLE COPULATING WITH



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1 CHIMPANZEES. I REALLY DON'T BELIEVE THAT. I BELIEVE IT WAS
2 CREATED IN A LABORATORY, LIKE I SAID, FOR A PURPOSE, PROBABLY
3 TO EXTERMINATE AN ENTIRE RACE OR RACES OF PEOPLE THAT WERE
4 CONSIDERED EXPENDABLE. AND THAT HAS BEEN DOCUMENTED. IT'S NOT
5 JUST HYPOTHESIS OR IT'S NOT JUST MY CONJECTURE. IT HAS ALSO
6 BEEN DOCUMENTED AND PROVEN. SO, AGAIN, I HOPE THAT YOU WOULD
7 USE YOUR MONEYS TO PREVENT THIS DISEASE FROM SPREADING AND
8 ENCOURAGING A LIFESTYLE THAT WOULD ALSO DECREASE THE NUMBERS
9 OF PEOPLE DYING FROM AND SUFFERING FROM H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S. I
10 THINK THAT'S BASICALLY ALL THAT I'D LIKE TO SAY. WELL, OH,
11 AND, FINALLY, IF I MAY BE SO BOLD, I MIGHT AS WELL, BECAUSE I
12 USUALLY, I AM BOLD ENOUGH, I DO THINK THAT AMERICA WOULD
13 IMPLEMENT A GENOCIDAL EFFORT TO PREVENT, LIKE I SAID, GIVING
14 REPARATIONS TO AFRICAN-AMERICAN PEOPLE. THEY NEVER PAID US 40
15 ACRES AND A MULE. WITH THE WAR RECRUITMENT GOING ON, THE
16 ONGOING-- I MEAN, MURDERING OF THE-- THE NUMBERS OF MILITARY
17 THAT ARE DYING ABROAD IS JUST RIDICULOUS. WITH THE ONGOING
18 SLAUGHTERING OF OUR PEOPLE IN THE STREET BY THE POLICE FORCE
19 AND WITH A.I.D.S., I DON'T KNOW IF WE'LL BE HERE IN FIVE TO 10
20 YEARS. THANK YOU. I THINK THAT'S BY DESIGN.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DR. CLAVREUL.

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24 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. DR. GENEVIEVE
25 CLAVREUL. ANYWAY, YOU KNOW HOW I REACT TO EVERY TIME I SEE



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1 SOLE VENDOR CONTRACT, I'M ALLERGIC TO THAT TERM. I THINK YOU
2 NEED TO FIND A NEW TERM IF YOU DON'T WANT TO SEE ME COME EVERY
3 WEEK TALKING TO YOU. TO HAVE A SOLE VENDOR CONTRACT IN H.I.V.
4 AND A.I.D.S. IN THE COUNTY OF L.A. COUNTY IS AN OXYMORON.
5 THERE IS MULTIPLE AGENCY PROVIDING SERVICE FOR H.I.V. AND
6 A.I.D.S. IN THIS COUNTY BUT CONTINUOUSLY, WE HAVE SOLE VENDOR
7 CONTRACTS. AND OFTEN TO THAT WONDERFUL OR NOT-SO-WONDERFUL
8 A.I.D.S. PROJECT, ALTA MED. ALTA MED IS NOT THE ONLY AGENCY IN
9 L.A. COUNTY WHO PROVIDES PREVENTION TO MINORITIES AS A GROUP.
10 AND I WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT, IN THE FUTURE, LIKE I HAVE
11 ASKED MANY TIMES, THAT THERE IS NO SOLE VENDOR CONTRACT IN
12 H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S. I HOPE YOU WILL TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY, AS
13 MR. JACQUES HENRI IS NO LONGER THE DIRECTOR OF O.A.P.P, TO
14 REVIEW THE PROCESS OF R.F.P. IN THAT SPECIFIC DEPARTMENT WHICH
15 HAVE VIOLATED PROPOSITION "A" FROM THE BEGINNING AND I'M NOT
16 SAYING THAT LIGHTLY. THERE IS COPY OF TAPE WHERE MEMBER CHANGE
17 RATING OF THE GROUPS. I THINK IT'S TIME YOU LOOK AT IT AND I
18 THINK YOU SHOULD DO IT ONE AT A TIME AND, YOU KNOW, YOU ALWAYS
19 WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO BRING RENEWAL OF CONTRACT, AND
20 YOUR EXCUSE, OH, YOU KNOW, YOU KNOW, "WE CANNOT LET THOSE POOR
21 PEOPLE WITH H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S., YOU KNOW, SUFFER, YOU KNOW,
22 WE HAVE TO RENEW THOSE CONTRACTS." EVERY YEAR, YOU PROMISE YOU
23 ARE NO LONGER GOING TO DO THAT AND YOU DO IT EVERY TIME. SO,
24 PLEASE, DO NOT ALLOCATE SOLE VENDOR CONTRACT ON H.I.V. AND



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1 A.I.D.S. GIVE OPPORTUNITY TO OTHER GROUPS WHO ARE AS QUALIFIED
2 IF NOT MORE QUALIFIED TO PERFORM THOSE NEEDS. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL MOVE 28.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVE-- SUPERVISOR BURKE MOVES...

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** I THOUGHT ITEM 28 WAS GOING TO BE CONTINUED FOR
9 TWO WEEKS.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NOT THAT I KNOW.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT WAS WHAT WAS READ INTO THE RECORD.

14

15 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** IT WAS HELD FOR TWO WEEKS BY MR. ZEV
16 YAROSLAVSKY. YOU ARE SO USED TO BLANKET...

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. YAROSLAVSKY, DID YOU ASK FOR A
19 CONTINUANCE ON THAT? I DON'T REMEMBER. IT'S NOT NOTED ON HERE.
20 YES, IT IS. ALL RIGHT. THAT ITEM WILL BE CONTINUED FOR TWO
21 WEEKS.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MS. BURKE, YOU WANT TO CALL UP ITEM NUMBER
2 30?

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4 **SUP. BURKE:** 75. OH, CALL 30, OKAY.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** 30. IF WE COULD HAVE MISS SCHWARTZ JOIN
7 US, PLEASE. AND IF SHE WOULD ADDRESS 31 AS WELL, WE WOULD
8 APPRECIATE IT.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** DO 30 AND 31 TOGETHER?

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12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YES. SHE'S THE ONLY SPEAKER ON IT. PLEASE
13 PROCEED, MS. SCHWARTZ.

14

15 **WENDY SCHWARTZ:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY
16 NAME IS WENDY SCHWARTZ. I AM WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
17 A.I.D.S. COORDINATORS OFFICE. I AM ALSO SPEAKING HERE TODAY AS
18 CO-CHAIR OF THE PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE FOR THE LOS ANGELES
19 COUNTY COMMISSION ON H.I.V. AND I'M HERE IN BOTH ROLES TO
20 SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DISEASE PREVENTION
21 DEMONSTRATION PROJECT THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. FIRST I
22 WILL SAY AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION THAT THE COMMISSION HAS
23 EXPRESSED STRONG SUPPORT FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PROJECT
24 AND VOTED UNANIMOUSLY ON MARCH 10TH OF THIS YEAR TO SUPPORT
25 IMPLEMENTATION COUNTYWIDE IN RECOGNITION THAT THIS PROGRAM HAS



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1 TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL TO REDUCE H.I.V. TRANSMISSION IN THE
2 COUNTY, REDUCE THE DISEASE BURDEN THAT IS INCREASINGLY
3 DIFFICULT TO ADDRESS WITH LIMITED HEALTHCARE FUNDING AND, MOST
4 IMPORTANTLY, TO SAVE LIVES. SECONDLY, AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF
5 THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, I WILL SAY THAT OUR CITY COUNCIL ALSO
6 VOICED STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE DISEASE PREVENTION DEMONSTRATION
7 PROJECT ON MARCH 9TH OF THIS YEAR WHEN THEY VOTED 12-TO-0 TO
8 AUTHORIZE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS LIFESAVING PROGRAM IN THE
9 CITY OF LOS ANGELES. YOUR HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN VERY
10 HELPFUL TO US IN THIS MATTER AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING
11 WITH THEM IN THE FUTURE TO IMPLEMENT THIS PROGRAM. THANK YOU.
12 AND I HOPE THAT YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF
13 THE DISEASE PREVENTION DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM COUNTYWIDE. THOSE
14 ARE MY COMMENTS ON ITEM 30.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH. NEXT WE HAVE
17 CRAIG VINCENT JONES.

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19 **CRAIG VINCENT JONES:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
20 CRAIG VINCENT JONES, AND I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
21 COMMISSION ON H.I.V. SORRY WE DIDN'T COME UP IN TANDEM, SO I'M
22 GOING TO REPEAT BRIEFLY SOME OF THE INFORMATION THAT WENDY
23 JUST GAVE YOU. BUT, ON MARCH 10TH, THE COMMISSION VOTED
24 UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR OF SUPPORTING THE DISEASE PREVENTION
25 DEMONSTRATION PROJECT WHICH WAS ENCODED IN SENATE BILL 1159



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1 LAST YEAR. THERE WERE 20 VOTING MEMBERS SUPPORTING IT. WHILE
2 THE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT CONFORMS WITH THE COMMISSION'S LONG
3 HELD POSITION SUPPORTING SYRINGE EXCHANGE PROGRAMS AS
4 EFFECTIVE AND PROVEN MECHANISM OF SLOWING THE SPREAD OF
5 H.I.V., WE ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT THIS MEASURE HAS A SIGNIFICANT
6 IMPACT ON THE MANAGEMENT OF OTHER DISEASES AND ILLNESSES, SUCH
7 AS DIABETES AND HEPATITIS, NOT NECESSARILY UNDER OUR PURVIEW.
8 ADDITIONALLY, THE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT PROVIDES US WITH THE
9 OPPORTUNITY TO EVALUATE AND MEASURE THE PROGRAM'S
10 EFFECTIVENESS, GUARANTEES THAT PROPER HEALTH EDUCATION IS
11 DELIVERED TO THOSE PURCHASING NEEDLES, INVOLVES PHARMACIES IN
12 THE FIGHT AGAINST THE SPREAD OF H.I.V. AND TO SUPPORT PROPER
13 DISEASE MAINTENANCE AND ASSURES EQUITABLE IMPLEMENTATION OF
14 THE PROGRAM THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. IN CLOSING, THE COMMISSION
15 URGES YOUR SUPPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
16 PROPOSAL TO IMPLEMENT THE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT LOCALLY. THANK
17 YOU.

18
19 **SUP. BURKE:** MOVE.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. THAT ITEM IS MOVED
22 BY MS. BURKE, SECONDED BY MYSELF. MR. KNABE IS VOTING "NO" ON
23 THE ITEM.

24
25 **SUP. KNABE:** VOTING NO.



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** ON ITEM 30?

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NO.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE A QUESTION, TOO.

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8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WELL, WAIT. OKAY, THEN. YOUR QUESTION, MR.
9 YAROSLAVSKY, BEFORE WE VOTE ON IT.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH. CAN I HAVE JONATHAN FIELDING UP HERE?

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. SCHWARTZ.

14

15 **WENDY SCHWARTZ:** DID YOU WANT ME TO STAY FOR MY COMMENT ON THE
16 ITEM 31?

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NO. I ASKED YOU TO COMBINE BOTH OF YOUR
19 COMMENTS ON THAT.

20

21 **WENDY SCHWARTZ:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DR. FIELDING, THIS PROPOSAL AUTHORIZES THE
24 SALE BY A REGISTERED PHARMACIST OF 10 OR FEWER SYRINGES. SB
25 1159-- DID SB 1159 PROVIDE FOR THIS APPROACH TO-- TO THE



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1 SYRINGE ISSUE? THERE WAS ALSO A NEEDLE EXCHANGE BILL THAT
2 PASSED LEGISLATURE AND I BELIEVE THIS BOARD HAS APPROVED THAT
3 KIND OF A PROGRAM. THIS IS SUBSTANTIVELY DIFFERENT THAN THAT.

4

5 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THAT'S CORRECT. THIS SIMPLY PROVIDES
6 FOR, IN THOSE JURISDICTIONS THAT APPROVE IT, FOR PHARMACIES TO
7 VOLUNTARILY PARTICIPATE AND SELL UP TO 10 SYRINGES AND NEEDLES
8 TO ANYONE. IT REQUIRES THAT THEY BE REGISTERED, THOUGH, WITH
9 THE COUNTY.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHY-- LET ME BACK UP. DO WE DO ANY NEEDLE
12 EXCHANGE PROGRAMS AT THIS STAGE OF THE GAME? DOES THE COUNTY
13 HAVE THOSE...

14

15 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THE COUNTY DOES NOT. THE CITY DOES. THE
16 LOS ANGELES CITY HAS SOME THAT THEY...

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DIDN'T THE COUNTY, THIS BOARD OF
19 SUPERVISORS, APPROVE AN INSTRUCTION TO UNDERTAKE SUCH A NEEDLE
20 EXCHANGE PROGRAM SEVERAL YEARS AGO? REMEMBER, THE LATE
21 COMMISSIONER, MIMI WEST, BROUGHT THAT FORWARD FROM THE HEALTH
22 COMMISSION?

23



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1 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** ANNA, DO YOU WANT TO GIVE THE
2 BACKGROUND? THIS IS ANNA LONG, THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF REPUBLIC
3 HEALTH WHO HAS BEEN WORKING ON THAT ISSUE, SUPERVISOR.

4

5 **ANNA LONG:** SUPERVISOR, WE TOOK A CLOSE LOOK AT WHAT WOULD BE
6 REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT IT WITHIN THE ENTIRE COUNTY AND WE
7 WORKED WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
8 HAS SEVEN AGENCIES THAT ARE CURRENTLY PROVIDING NEEDLE
9 EXCHANGE IN A VARIETY OF PLACES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, AND WE
10 REALIZE THAT THE PROGRAM THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO IMPLEMENT WAS
11 OUTSIDE OF THE GUIDELINES THAT WE HAD LAID DOWN AND WE FELT IT
12 WAS BETTER TO ALLOW THE CITY TO CONTINUE WITH THEIR PROGRAMS
13 AS THEY WERE IMPLEMENTED.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHO LAID DOWN WHAT GUIDELINES?

16

17 **ANNA LONG:** THE COUNTY HAD DETERMINED THAT OUR GUIDELINES
18 SHOULD BE FOR EXCHANGES TO BE TO PERSONS THAT ARE 18 OR OVER
19 AND A ONE-TO-ONE EXCHANGE. AT THE TIME, WE COULD NOT WORK
20 CLOSELY ENOUGH WITH THE CITY TO MAKE THAT REGULATION ACROSS
21 THE BOARD AND...

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT IS THE CITY'S REGULATION?

24



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1 **ANNA LONG:** THE CITY ALLOWS BASICALLY VERY SIMILAR BUT THEY DO
2 HAVE SOME SITES THAT ARE POTENTIALLY SEEING PEOPLE UNDER THE
3 AGE OF 18 AND THEY DO ALLOW NOT SO MUCH A ONE-FOR-ONE EXCHANGE
4 BUT OCCASIONALLY THEY EXCHANGE MORE THAN ONE-FOR-ONE.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? IF I COME WITH A USED
7 SYRINGE, YOU MIGHT GIVE ME TWO NEW ONES FOR A USED ONE?

8

9 **ANNA LONG:** EXACTLY. WE DID FEEL THAT S.B...

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND WHAT WAS-- JUST DEVIL'S ADVOCATE, WHAT'S
12 THE PROBLEM WITH THAT?

13

14 **ANNA LONG:** WE DID NOT FEEL IN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT THAT THERE
15 WAS A PROBLEM WITH THAT, BUT, AS WE SPOKE TO THE BOARD, IT WAS
16 CLEAR THAT THEY WANTED SOMETHING THAT WAS ONE-TO-ONE.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AS YOU SPOKE TO WHAT BOARD?

19

20 **ANNA LONG:** THIS BOARD.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHEN DID YOU SPEAK TO THE BOARD?

23

24 **ANNA LONG:** THIS WAS BACK IN 2000, 2001, AT DIFFERENT POINTS...

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IN A BOARD MEETING, YOU SPOKE TO THE BOARD?

2

3 **ANNA LONG:** WE PROVIDED THEM WITH AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND
4 DISCUSSED THE DETAILS OF THAT IMPLEMENTATION.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. AND WE VOTED FOR A PLAN THAT INCLUDED
7 A ONE-TO-ONE EXCHANGE?

8

9 **ANNA LONG:** YES.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO NOW YOU'RE COMING TO THE BOARD WITH A
12 PLAN THAT DOESN'T HAVE A ONE-TO-ONE EXCHANGE, IT HAS A 10-TO-
13 NOTHING EXCHANGE, YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE TO GIVE UP A SYRINGE. I
14 CAN GO TO A PHARMACIST WHO IS REGISTERED WITH THE COUNTY AND
15 BUY 10 SYRINGES-- OR GET 10 SYRINGES FREE OF CHARGE. I DON'T
16 EVEN HAVE TO GIVE UP A SYRINGE. WHAT KIND OF A PUBLIC POLICY
17 IS THAT?

18

19 **ANNA LONG:** WHAT IT DOES, IN ORDER FOR 1159 TO BE PASSED, THERE
20 WAS A COMPANION PIECE OF LEGISLATION, 13, I THINK, 58 OR 1339
21 THAT REQUIRED THAT HAZARDOUS WASTE SITES THAT TAKE HOUSEHOLD
22 HAZARDOUS WASTE WOULD NOW TAKE SHARPS CONTAINERS. AS A PART OF
23 THIS LEGISLATION, PHARMACIES THAT DO SELL SYRINGES OVER THE
24 COUNTER HAVE TO PROVIDE A WAY FOR PEOPLE TO DISPOSE OF THOSE
25 SAFELY. SO THEY CAN PROVIDE SHARPS CONTAINERS, THEY CAN



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1 PROVIDE MAIL-BACK SHARPS CONTAINERS, ALONG WITH THOSE SYRINGES
2 THAT THE PEOPLE WOULD HAVE TO PURCHASE, ASSURING THAT THERE
3 WOULD BE SOME SAFE DISPOSAL.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT THAT'S NOT NECESSARILY WHAT'S GOING TO
6 HAPPEN HERE. WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN HERE, AS I UNDERSTAND IT,
7 WHAT CAN HAPPEN HERE IS I CAN GO TO A REGISTERED PHARMACY AND
8 WHAT DO I HAVE TO TELL THEM?

9

10 **ANNA LONG:** YOU GO TO A REGISTERED PHARMACY, YOU ASSURE THEM OR
11 THEY DETERMINE THAT YOU ARE 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, AND YOU
12 ARE ABLE TO-- IF THAT PHARMACY IS REGISTERED WITH THE COUNTY
13 AND WE'VE DETERMINED THAT THEY'RE A LEGAL PHARMACY...

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** RIGHT. WHAT HAPPENS?

16

17 **ANNA LONG:** THEN YOU'RE ABLE TO PURCHASE 10 SYRINGES. NO MORE
18 THAN 10 SYRINGES.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NOW, IF I WANTED TO PURCHASE A SYRINGE, IF I
21 GO OUT TO THE LOCAL DRUG STORE NOW AND JUST SAY, "I NEED A
22 SYRINGE FOR MY INSULIN INJECTIONS," DO I NEED TO SHOW A
23 PRESCRIPTION FOR THAT?

24

25 **ANNA LONG:** YOU WOULD NEED TO SHOW A PRESCRIPTION.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO NOW YOU WON'T NEED TO SHOW A
3 PRESCRIPTION? ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS PROVE YOU'RE 18 OR OVER
4 AND YOU CAN BUY UP TO 10 SYRINGES? YOU DON'T HAVE TO RETURN
5 ANY USED SYRINGES, NOTHING.

6

7 **ANNA LONG:** NOT TO THAT SITE.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. HERE'S MY PROBLEM. FIRST OF ALL, IT'S
10 COME AS QUITE A SURPRISE TO ME THAT-- YOU KNOW, I THINK IT
11 WOULD COME AS A SURPRISE TO MIMI IF SHE WERE STILL WITH US,
12 SHE WOULD CHEW MY EAR OFF, ACTUALLY, IF SHE HEARD THIS
13 CONVERSATION. WHY, AFTER WE HAD CONSTRUCTED A NEEDLE EXCHANGE
14 PROGRAM GO INTO EFFECT, THAT-- MAYBE THERE'S A MEMO IN THERE
15 SOMEWHERE, DR. FIELDING, MAYBE IT SLIPPED IN AND I DIDN'T READ
16 ONE OF THE 10,000 MEMOS A YEAR THAT I GET FROM THIS
17 BUREAUCRACY BUT I DON'T RECALL EVER HEARING THAT WE DID NOT
18 IMPLEMENT THAT REPORT-- THAT PROGRAM. SO, AFTER ALL OF THE
19 HULLABALOO AND AFTER ALL OF THE POLITICAL HEAT THAT WE TOOK
20 AND THAT THE COMMISSION TOOK, THE PROGRAM WAS NEVER
21 IMPLEMENTED BECAUSE IT WASN'T SEAMLESS WITH THE CITY'S
22 PROGRAM. MAYBE THE ANSWER SHOULD HAVE BEEN TO COME TO ONE OF
23 US OR TO THE BOARD AND SAY, "WE'VE GOT THIS PROBLEM. WE'D
24 LIKE-- CAN WE WORK IT OUT?" I'M NOT-- I'M NOT SURE I HAVE A
25 PROBLEM WITH THE 18-YEAR-AGE ISSUE. THERE ARE KIDS IN



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1 HOLLYWOOD AND ALL OVER THIS COUNTY WHO ARE INJECTING
2 THEMSELVES WITH NARCOTICS WHO ARE UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE AND
3 THEY'RE USING USED NEEDLES AND THEY'RE SPREADING A.I.D.S. AND
4 THIS IS NOT ABOUT-- WE'VE NEVER HAD THIS DISCUSSION IN ANY
5 SUBSTANTIVE WAY, THAT I CAN RECALL. SO THE COUNTY OF LOS
6 ANGELES, WHICH WE THOUGHT, I THOUGHT LED THE WAY ON THIS, HAS
7 DONE NOTHING. NOW YOU COME FORWARD AND I'M NOT KNOCKING THIS
8 IN A VACUUM, I'M KNOCKING THIS OR QUESTIONING IT, IN THE
9 CONTEXT OF WHAT WE HAVEN'T DONE. WE HAVEN'T DONE SOMETHING
10 BECAUSE YOU ARE AFRAID OF SOME INSTRUCTION WE GAVE YOU ABOUT
11 IT HAD TO BE AN 18-YEAR CUTOFF AND IT HAD TO BE A ONE-TO-ONE
12 EXCHANGE AND NOW YOU'RE COMING BACK WITH A PLAN THAT STILL
13 MAINTAINS AN 18-YEAR-OLD CUTOFF BUT LET SOMEBODY COME IN AND
14 BUY 10 SYRINGES WITHOUT A PRESCRIPTION, JUST LIKE THAT. THEY
15 DON'T HAVE TO GIVE YOU 10 SYRINGES, DOESN'T HAVE TO GIVE YOU
16 FIVE SYRINGES. NADA. NOTHING. I'M NOT SURE THAT'S GOOD PUBLIC
17 POLICY. I'D LIKE TO REVISIT THE CRITERIA, I'D LIKE TO SUGGEST
18 TO MY COLLEAGUES THAT WE QUICKLY REVISIT THE CRITERIA THAT WE--
19 - I'LL TAKE YOUR WORD FOR IT THAT WE APPROVED IT SOME YEARS
20 AGO, THAT HAVE NOW PRECLUDED YOU FROM DOING THIS, AND SEE HOW
21 WE CAN WORK OUT A CONGRUENT SYSTEM, SUCH AS THE CITY HAS AND
22 START TO PROVIDE SOME OF THESE SERVICES TO THE OUTLYING AREAS--
23 - NOT EVEN OUTLYING, IT'S THE NON CITY OF LOS ANGELES AREAS,
24 OF WHICH THERE ARE PLENTY WHERE THIS COULD BE DONE AND IF
25 WE'RE NOT GOING TO DO THAT, THEN WE OUGHT TO BE HONEST ABOUT



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1 IT AND PULL THE-- QUIT SAYING WE HAVE A NEEDLE EXCHANGE
2 PROGRAM BECAUSE WE DON'T AND THIS IS NOT A NEEDLE EXCHANGE
3 PROGRAM. THIS IS ANOTHER DEAL. DO YOU WANT TO COMMENT ON THAT,
4 DR. FIELDING?

5

6 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** JUST A-- WE'LL BE HAPPY TO COME BACK
7 VERY QUICKLY AND REVIEW WITH THE BOARD WHAT THE PARAMETERS
8 WERE, WHAT AROSE IN THE ISSUES AND WHAT WE WOULD RECOMMEND TO
9 HELP ASSURE A BROADER NUMBER OF NEEDLE EXCHANGE. CURRENTLY,
10 SUPERVISOR, I THINK ABOUT 10,000 OF THE ESTIMATED 120,000
11 INTRAVENOUS DRUG USERS IN L.A. COUNTY USE A NEEDLE EXCHANGE
12 PROGRAM, SO WE'RE CERTAINLY NOT REACHING THE VAST MAJORITY AND
13 NO JURISDICTION IN THE COUNTRY REACH THE VAST MAJORITY. A LOT
14 JUST DON'T SHOW UP BUT WE'D LIKE TO DO BETTER THAN WE'RE DOING
15 WITH SIMPLY THE 10,000. THIS BILL IS-- WHAT WE COME TO YOU
16 WITH, IN PART, IS SOMETHING THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DO
17 ANYWAY. WE ARE REQUIRED, IF ANY ONE OF THE CITIES PASSES THIS
18 LEGISLATION AS THE CITY OF L.A. AND THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
19 HAVE, TO REGISTER PHARMACIES THAT COME FORWARD IN THOSE
20 JURISDICTIONS TO BE ABLE TO SELL SYRINGES AND NEEDLES TO
21 ANYBODY OVER 18 WHO PRESENTS THEMSELF. SO WE DON'T-- WE HAVE
22 TO GO THROUGH THIS PROCESS, REGARDLESS. WE DO NOT HAVE TO
23 EXTEND IT TO THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OR TO OTHER PARTS OF LOS
24 ANGELES COUNTY, AS WE ARE RECOMMENDING HERE, BUT WE DO HAVE TO



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1 PARTICIPATE IN IT, REGARDLESS. THE REASON THAT WE THINK THAT
2 IT MAKES SENSE...

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE HAVE TO PARTICIPATE IN WHAT?

5

6 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** WE HAVE TO PARTICIPATE IN REGISTERING
7 PHARMACIES IN JURISDICTIONS THAT HAVE APPROVED THE SALE OF
8 SYRINGES AND NEEDLES UP TO 10 PER PERSON.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT JURISDICTION LOCALLY HAS DONE THAT?

11

12 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** LOS ANGELES CITY AND WEST HOLLYWOOD.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO LOS ANGELES CITY HAS APPROVED THE PROGRAM
15 WHERE YOU CAN WALK INTO A DRUGSTORE, GET A-- GET 10 SYRINGES,
16 AS LONG AS YOU'RE 18 OR OVER...

17

18 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THAT'S CORRECT.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ...AND THEN WE ARE OBLIGATED TO CERTIFY
21 THE...

22

23 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** WE ARE OBLIGATED TO REGISTER PHARMACIES
24 AND TO PROVIDE THE MATERIALS BECAUSE ONE OF THE BENEFITS OF
25 THIS PROGRAM IS THAT ANY PHARMACY THAT VOLUNTARILY



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1 PARTICIPANTS HAS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON HOW TO GET H.I.V.
2 TESTING, HOW TO GET TESTING FOR HEPATITIS C...

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S TERRIFIC. THAT'S TERRIFIC. LET ME ASK
5 YOU A QUESTION. IF I GO TO THE SAV-ON AT 3RD AND FAIRFAX
6 TONIGHT, SHOW THAT I'M 18 OR OVER, BUY 10 SYRINGES AND THEN I
7 GO DOWN TO 3RD AND LA BREA TO THE RALPH'S, WHICH HAS A
8 PHARMACY AND WANT TO BUY 10 SYRINGES, AND THEN I WANT TO GO UP
9 TO THE DRUGSTORE ON SANTA MONICA AND LA BREA AND BUY 10 MORE
10 SYRINGES AND BASICALLY DO AN ANTONIO VILLARAIGOSA CRUISE
11 AROUND THE CITY IN 24 HOURS, BUYING SYRINGES, NOT THAT HE
12 BOUGHT BUT 24 HOURS, I BETTER CLARIFY THAT, 24 HOUR...

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** GOOD THING YOU DIDN'T SAY THAT YESTERDAY, HUH?
15 WOULD HAVE BEEN ON T.V.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH. 24-HOUR EXCURSION AROUND THE CITY
18 GOING FROM DRUGSTORE TO DRUGSTORE. IF I WERE TO DO THAT, COULD
19 I DO THAT?

20

21 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** NOT AT THIS POINT, BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T
22 STARTED THE REGISTRATION PROCESS.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I KNOW BUT UNDER YOUR PROGRAM?

25



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1 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** IN THE FUTURE, IN THE FUTURE, ONCE
2 THEY'RE REGISTERED, YOU COULD, BUT IF YOU WERE FOUND WITH MORE
3 THAN 10, YOU WOULD BE SUBJECT TO ARREST.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH, BUT IF I WAS FOUND INJECTING MYSELF
6 WITH HEROIN, I MIGHT BE SUBJECT TO ARREST, TOO. WHAT ARE THE
7 ODDS THAT I'M GOING TO BE FOUND? I MEAN, JONATHAN, HOW MANY OF
8 THESE DRUG STORES ARE WE GOING TO CERTIFY?

9

10 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** WE DON'T KNOW HOW MANY ARE GOING TO
11 COME FORWARD. I CAN TELL YOU, IN GENERAL, THAT THE LARGE
12 CHAINS SEEMED TO BE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING AND A LOT OF
13 THE SMALLER ONES DO NOT SEEM AS INTERESTED BUT WENDY SCHWARTZ
14 FROM THE CITY PROBABLY HAS A BETTER HANDLE ON THAT AT THIS
15 POINT THAN WE DO.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW MANY DRUG STORES YOU
18 WOULD BE CALLED UPON TO CERTIFY? WHAT DOES THE LAW REQUIRE YOU
19 TO DO?

20

21 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** IT REQUIRES US TO CERTIFY ANY AND ALL
22 THAT COME FORWARD VOLUNTARILY.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ANY AND ALL DRUG STORES?

25



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1 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** IN THOSE JURISDICTIONS, YES.

2

3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHY WOULDN'T A DRUGSTORE COME FORWARD
4 VOLUNTARY IF THEY'RE GOING TO GO SELLING PRODUCT?

5

6 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** WELL, SOME OF THE FOCUS GROUPS WITH
7 PHARMACIES THAT SUGGESTED SOME SMALL PHARMACIES ARE CONCERNED
8 ABOUT CLIENTELE ISSUES, ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE OTHER
9 REQUIREMENTS OF WHAT THEY'D HAVE TO PROVIDE, THE EDUCATION,
10 THE DISPOSAL OF NEEDLES, WHICH IS ONE OF THE REQUIREMENTS FOR
11 PARTICIPATION. AGAIN, WE DON'T KNOW WHAT PERCENTAGE WILL COME
12 FORWARD.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THERE'S A REQUIREMENT THAT THEY HAVE A WAY
15 FOR WHICH PEOPLE CAN DISPOSE BUT THERE'S NO REQUIREMENT THAT A
16 CUSTOMER DISPOSE A NEEDLE?

17

18 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THAT'S CORRECT.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHAT'S YOUR GUESS, IF I WERE TO ASK YOU,
21 AND I'M ASKING YOU AS OUR CHIEF HEALTH OFFICER, APPROXIMATELY
22 HOW MANY-- GIVE ME AN ORDER OF MAGNITUDE. GOING TO HAVE ONE TO
23 FIVE? FIVE TO A HUNDRED OR OVER A HUNDRED DRUG STORES IN THE
24 CITY OF LOS ANGELES?

25



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1 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** I WOULD GUESS THAT THE LARGE CHAINS,
2 WHICH WOULD CONSTITUTE, I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY THERE ARE BUT
3 WOULD CONSTITUTE WELL OVER A HUNDRED WOULD PARTICIPATE. I
4 CAN'T TELL YOU WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THE SMALLER ONES.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO LET'S SAY IT'S A HUNDRED ON THE
7 CONSERVATIVE SIDE, I COULD GO TO A HUNDRED DRUGSTORES TONIGHT,
8 IF I COULD GET TO ALL OF THEM, AND BUY MYSELF 10 SYRINGES EACH
9 AND END UP WITH A THOUSAND SYRINGES, NEVER HAVE TO EXCHANGE
10 ONE USED SYRINGE. I GOT TO TELL YOU SOMETHING. I'M NOT A PRUDE
11 ON THIS, AS I THINK EVERYBODY HERE KNOWS. I'M EXPENDED A GOOD
12 DEAL OF POLITICAL CAPITAL TRYING TO-- AND ALL OF US HAVE ON
13 THIS BOARD, MOST OF US HAVE, TO TRY TO DO SOMETHING TO CURTAIL
14 THE SPREAD OF A.I.D.S. THIS, TO ME, CROSSES THE LINE INTO-- IT
15 SOUNDS LIKE A SYRINGE-- A SYRINGE FEST. IT HAS NOTHING
16 WHATSOEVER TO DO WITH NEEDLE EXCHANGE, WITH CURTAILING THE
17 SPREAD OF S.T.D.S TRANSMITTED THROUGH NEEDLES INTRAVENOUSLY.
18 IT MAY HAVE COLLATERAL BENEFIT, IF SOMEBODY WHO'S LOOKING TO--
19 FOR A HIT DECIDES, "WELL, I'LL GO OVER TO C.V.S. AND BUY SOME,
20 OR JUST USE THE USED NEEDLE THAT THEIR NEIGHBOR USED." I MEAN,
21 THIS IS NOT WHAT IT WAS ALL CRACKED UP TO BE. I'M VERY REALLY
22 CONCERNED ABOUT THIS. MAYBE I NEED TO BE EDUCATED ABOUT IT OR
23 MAYBE SOMEBODY ELSE NEEDS TO BE EDUCATED ABOUT IT BUT, TO ME,
24 FROM A PUBLIC HEALTH POINT OF VIEW, I'M SURPRISED-- WELL, I
25 SHOULDN'T SAY I'M SURPRISED BECAUSE WE'VE NEVER TALKED ABOUT



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1 IT, WHICH IN AND OF ITSELF IS A SURPRISE, BUT, AS THE CHIEF
2 PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY,
3 DOES THIS TROUBLE YOU AT ALL?

4

5 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THERE ARE ASPECTS OF IT THAT I DON'T
6 THINK ARE IDEAL BUT, WHEN WE LOOKED AT THE DATA, THERE ARE 45
7 OTHER STATES THAT DO THIS. THERE'S NO EVIDENCE IT INCREASES
8 INTRAVENOUS DRUG USE. THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT IT'S REDUCED
9 BLOOD-BORNE PATHOGENS IN INJECTION DRUG USERS, THERE'S
10 EVIDENCE THAT IT'S REDUCED NEEDLE STICK IN LAW ENFORCEMENT
11 PERSONNEL BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE TO HIDE SYRINGES AND NEEDLES,
12 WHICH YOU DO NOW BECAUSE THEY'RE ILLEGAL WITHOUT A
13 PRESCRIPTION AND IT DOES HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO EXPAND THE
14 REFERRAL BASE FOR TESTING AND TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO DRUG
15 TREATMENT AND TO REDUCE, IN ADDITION, THE POOR DISPOSAL OF
16 NEEDLES, TO IMPROVE DISPOSAL. SO, BASED ON THE EVIDENCE FROM
17 THE OTHER PLACES AROUND THE COUNTRY THAT HAVE DONE THIS, I
18 THINK IT'S A REASONABLE PUBLIC HEALTH STRATEGY. IS IT-- THERE
19 ARE SOME THINGS I WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO SEE. I WOULD LIKE TO
20 SEE A SINGLE USE SYRINGE, FOR EXAMPLE, AS PART OF THIS BUT I
21 THINK I UNDERSTAND THE REACTION BUT I THINK, ON BALANCE, IT IS
22 A REASONABLE PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACH.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU HAVE THAT EVIDENCE IN WRITING
25 SOMEWHERE? DO YOU HAVE ANY STUDIES?



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2 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** YES, WE DO AND WE'D BE HAPPY TO SHARE
3 THAT.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN YOU SHARE IT WITH THE BOARD? I'D LIKE TO
6 SUGGEST, MADAM CHAIR, IF I CAN, RATHER THAN CONTINUE THIS,
7 BECAUSE I HAVE A LOT OF QUESTIONS, IS THAT WE PUT THIS OVER
8 FOR TWO WEEKS. IN THE MEANTIME, YOU ALSO REVIEW YOUR NEEDLE
9 EXCHANGE SITUATION AND I HOPE YOU CAN COME BACK WITH A
10 RECOMMENDATION IN TWO WEEKS ON HOW WE CAN JUMP START THAT
11 PROGRAM, WHICH WE NEVER STARTED IN THE FIRST PLACE, EVEN AFTER
12 WE INSTRUCTED THAT IT BE DONE. LITTLE DID WE KNOW THAT
13 WHATEVER THE CONDITIONS WE APPROVED THAT EXCHANGE PROGRAM
14 UNDER MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO IMPLEMENT IT. I MEAN, THAT
15 SHOULD HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION. MY STAFF HANDS ME A
16 AUGUST 2002 MEMORANDUM OF ABOUT 25 PAGES. IT'S NOW 2005. SO WE
17 CAN-- CAN YOU COME BACK WITH SOMETHING IN TWO WEEKS?

18

19 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** CERTAINLY.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AS WELL AS PROVIDE US WITH WHAT OTHER
22 STUDIES, SO-CALLED EVIDENCE...

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** DO YOU ALSO WANT TO CONTINUE 31?

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO, THAT'S NOT ALTA MED. 31, IS THAT TIED TO
2 30? THEN CONTINUE THEM BOTH.

3

4 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** NO, IT'S NOT TIED-- OH, I'M SORRY.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ARE THEY TIED?

7

8 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THERE IS SOME RELATED ISSUED-- THE
9 ISSUE IN 31 IS ACCEPTANCE OF A STATE AWARD THAT INCLUDES A
10 PORTION THAT HAS PEER COUNSELING FOR INTRAVENOUS DRUG USERS.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT IF IT WAITS TWO WEEKS, IT DOESN'T
13 JEOPARDIZE ANYTHING, DOES IT?

14

15 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** NO.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEN I WOULD MOVE THAT WE CONTINUE BOTH 30
18 AND 31.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE'RE CONTINUING THAT ITEM.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** BOTH ITEMS.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 30 AND 31.

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL CALL UP 19.

2

3 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WAIT, MS. BURKE, WE HAVEN'T FINISHED WITH
4 THE...

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE NO QUESTIONS ON THE...

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ASK DR. FIELDING. WHAT IS THE COST THAT THE
9 COUNTY WILL INCUR FOR THE REGISTRATION OF THE PHARMACIES? AND
10 HOW IS THAT COMPENSATED? IS THAT A MANDATED PROGRAM, UNFUNDED
11 MANDATED, COMPENSATED MANDATED?

12

13 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** YES, IT IS, SUPERVISOR, IT'S AN
14 UNFUNDED MANDATE. WE DON'T HAVE THE FULL COST BUT IT WILL
15 PROBABLY BE UNDER A HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WILL THE LEGISLATION PERMIT PHARMACIES TO
18 SELL OR FURNISH SUCH SYRINGES TO KNOWN DRUG ADDICTS?

19

20 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** IT DOESN'T DISCRIMINATE IN TERMS OF WHO
21 CAN PURCHASE AS LONG AS THEY'RE OVER 18.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW DOES THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
24 INSPECT THESE PHARMACIES?

25



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1 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** I CAN'T ANSWER ALL THAT. THERE IS A
2 PHARMACY LICENSE BOARD AND THERE ARE PROCEDURES THAT THEY HAVE
3 TO GO THROUGH. I DON'T KNOW HOW FREQUENTLY THEY'RE INSPECTED.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT CURRENTLY, WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR
6 PHARMACIES TO DISPOSE OF USED NEEDLES?

7

8 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** DISPOSAL? I'M SORRY? I'M NOT AWARE THAT
9 THERE IS A REQUIREMENT. THIS NOW...

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS WOULD BE A NEW, AN ADDITION?

12

13 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THIS WOULD BE A NEW REQUIREMENT, TO THE
14 BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, SUPERVISOR, THAT...

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** THERE'S NO-- I MEAN, IT'S 10-FOR-0. I MEAN,
17 THERE'S NO-- ALL YOU DO IS PURCHASE THEM. THEY COULD WIND UP
18 IN, YOU KNOW, PLAYGROUNDS OR WHATEVER. YOU DON'T HAVE TO
19 EXCHANGE ANYTHING.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I UNDERSTAND THAT BUT...

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** IT'S OUTRAGEOUS.

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW DOES THE COUNTY OR THE STATE HEALTH
2 DEPARTMENT MEASURE WHETHER THE INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL THAT'S
3 BEING DISTRIBUTED IS ADDRESSING AND PROVIDING THE INFORMATION
4 RELATIVE TO ACCESSING REHABILITATION, DRUG PROGRAMS AND OTHER
5 VITAL INFORMATION?

6

7 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** SUPERVISOR, THIS IS A DEMONSTRATION
8 PROJECT. IT'S A FIVE-YEAR PROJECT. THERE IS A MANDATED
9 EVALUATION AS PART OF THIS THAT HAS TO BE FINISHED I THINK
10 ABOUT 11 MONTHS BEFORE THE SUN SETS AND WE ARE WAITING FOR THE
11 STATE TO TELL US HOW EXACTLY THEY PLAN TO DO THAT EVALUATION
12 BUT I WOULD ASSUME THOSE ISSUES WOULD BE ADDRESSED AS PART OF
13 THE EVALUATION IN WHICH WE WOULD BE ASKED TO PARTICIPATE.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT YET WE ARE NOT AWARE OF THE SANITARY
16 DISPOSAL OF THESE SYRINGES AND NEEDLES WITHIN THE PHARMACIES,
17 AND YET, IN PUBLIC HEALTH, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING
18 THAT WE HAVE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT.

19

20 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THIS DOES REQUIRE THAT PHARMACIES THAT
21 VOLUNTEER TO PARTICIPATE HAVE A WAY TO DO NEEDLE DISPOSAL IN A
22 SAFE WAY AND ALSO PROVIDE THAT INFORMATION TO ANYBODY WHO
23 PURCHASES THEM. IN ADDITION, THE STUDIES THAT I'VE SEEN
24 SUGGEST THAT, IN THE OTHER STATES THAT HAVE GONE WITH A SYSTEM
25 SIMILAR TO THIS, THERE HAS BEEN NO INCREASE IN NEEDLES THAT



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1 HAVE BEEN FOUND, FOR EXAMPLE, ON PLAYGROUNDS, BEACHES, OTHER
2 KINDS OF PLACES WHERE WE ARE VERY CONCERNED.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, CAN I ASK ONE MORE QUESTION?

7 I'VE NOW, SINCE I STOPPED ASKING YOU QUESTIONS, I'VE HAVE HAD
8 A CHANCE TO LOOK AT THIS AUGUST 21ST, 2002 MEMO FROM DR.

9 GARTHWAITE BUT IT'S IN REFERENCE TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER

10 AND I JUST WANT TO READ YOU A BRIEF PARAGRAPH HERE. "FOLLOWING

11 REVIEW BY COUNTY COUNSEL, IT WAS DETERMINED THAT CERTIFICATION

12 OF NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAMS COULD PROCEED UNDER SIGNATURE BY

13 THE HEALTH OFFICER." YOU'RE THE HEALTH OFFICER, RIGHT?

14

15 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** YES.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** "EXISTING NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAMS WILL BE

18 OFFERED THE OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY FOR CERTIFICATION. THE

19 CERTIFICATION REVIEW PROCESS WILL INCLUDE A SITE VISIT, REVIEW

20 OF STAFF TRAINING, RECORD KEEPING PROCEDURES, INSURANCE AND

21 LIABILITY INFORMATION IN REVIEW OF EFFORTS MADE TO EDUCATE AND

22 INFORM THE COMMUNITY, LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CITY OFFICIALS ABOUT

23 NEEDLE EXCHANGE SERVICES. PROGRAMS MEETING THE CERTIFICATION

24 REQUIREMENTS WILL AGREE TO ADMINISTER THEIR NEEDLE EXCHANGE

25 PROGRAMS ACCORDING TO COUNTY GUIDELINES. UPON SUCCESSFUL



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1 COMPLETION OF THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS, PROVIDERS WILL BE
2 DESIGNATED CERTIFIED NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAMS IN THE COUNTY OF
3 LOS ANGELES, CONSISTENT WITH CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY
4 CODE." WHERE-- IS IT THE GUIDELINES THAT YOU BELIEVE PREVENTED
5 YOU FROM UNDERTAKING THE NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAM FOR THE LAST
6 3-1/2 YEARS?

7

8 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** WELL, IT WAS WORKING WITH THE CITY,
9 BECAUSE SOME OF THE PROGRAMS THAT ARE SANCTIONED BY THE CITY
10 DO NOT MEET THE GUIDELINES IN TERMS OF THE AGE OR THE ONE-TO-
11 ONE EXCHANGE RATE.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU GO ON TO SAY, "IN THE NEXT SEVERAL
14 WEEKS," THIS IS IN 2002, "IN THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS, PUBLIC
15 HEALTH WILL RECONVENE WITH A NEEDLE EXCHANGE CERTIFICATION
16 PROGRAM WORKGROUP TO DISCUSS THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS,
17 RELEASE A CERTIFICATION APPLICATION ANNOUNCEMENT FOR EXISTING
18 NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAMS, REVIEW PROGRAMS APPLYING FOR
19 CERTIFICATION AND CERTIFY NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAMS AND MEETING
20 CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS. WE ANTICIPATE RETURNING TO YOU
21 WITH AN UPDATE ON THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS IN 90 DAYS." THAT
22 WOULD HAVE BEEN ABOUT NOVEMBER OF 2002. MY STAFF DOESN'T HAVE
23 ANY RECORD OF A UPDATE OF NOVEMBER OR THEREABOUTS 2002.

24



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1 **JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** SO WE'LL FIND WHAT WE SENT YOU. BUT THERE'S
2 ONE POINT ABOUT THIS AND THAT IS THAT, SINCE THE COUNTY WAS
3 NOT OFFERING FUNDING FOR THE NEEDLE EXCHANGES, ESSENTIALLY THE
4 ONLY THING THAT THE AGENCIES WOULD GAIN FROM THIS WAS THE
5 LEGAL LIABILITY PROTECTION FROM CRIMINAL PROSECUTION FOR
6 DISTRIBUTING-- DISTRIBUTING NEEDLES. AND, BASED UPON THE
7 GUIDELINES AND THE CONSTRAINTS THAT WERE INVOLVED IN THE
8 PROPOSAL PUT FORWARD TO THE BOARD AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD,
9 IT WAS EVIDENT THAT THE AGENCIES DIDN'T BELIEVE THAT AGREEING
10 TO THE COUNTY'S GUIDELINES WERE, IN FACT, A GOOD TRADE-OFF FOR
11 GETTING THAT LEGAL PROTECTION, PARTICULARLY SINCE THEY SEEMED
12 TO HAVE HAD NO PROBLEMS IN THAT...

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND WHO APPROVED THE GUIDELINES?

15

16 **JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** WELL, THE GUIDELINES WERE DEVELOPED BASED UPON
17 THE OVERALL PRESENTATION IN THE PROPOSAL PUT FORWARD TO THE
18 BOARD.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DID THE BOARD APPROVE A 18-YEAR-OLD AND
21 OVER? ARE YOU CERTAIN THAT THE BOARD VOTED TO SAY IT'S 18 YEAR
22 OLD? IF THAT'S THE ONE PRIMARY DIFFERENCE OF OPINION WE HAVE
23 WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. DID THE BOARD DO THAT OR WAS
24 THAT SOMETHING THAT WAS COOKED UP IN THE STAFF.

25



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1 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** I BELIEVE WE'LL GO BACK AND CHECK,
2 SUPERVISOR. IT WAS AWHILE BACK. I BELIEVE THE BOARD DID BUT
3 WE'LL GO BACK AND CHECK ON THAT. BUT THE ISSUE OF TRYING TO
4 EXPAND IT IS THAT WE DON'T THINK THERE'S A LOT OF FOLKS READY
5 TO COME FORWARD AND EXPAND IT WITHOUT FUNDING.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, HOW ARE THEY DOING IT IN THE CITY?

8

9 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** WELL...

10

11 **JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** THE CITY PROVIDES FUNDING FOR THE NEEDLE
12 EXCHANGE.

13

14 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THE CITY PROVIDES FUNDING FOR THIS.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FOR THE NEEDLE EXCHANGE? HOW MUCH DOES THE
17 CITY PROVIDE ANNUALLY? REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CITY COULD HELP
18 US HERE.

19

20 **WENDY SCHWARTZ:** HELLO AGAIN. WENDY SCHWARTZ, CITY OF LOS
21 ANGELES. THE CITY PROVIDES APPROXIMATELY \$500,000 PER YEAR TO
22 SUPPORT OUR NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAM.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THAT OUT OF THE CITY'S GENERAL FUND OR IS
25 THAT A GRANT YOU GET FROM H.H.S. OR SOMETHING?



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2 **WENDY SCHWARTZ:** THOSE ARE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS
3 FROM H.U.D.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. COULD YOU BRING THIS ALL TOGETHER WHEN
6 YOU COME BACK IN TWO WEEKS?

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8 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** WE WILL AND WE'LL INDICATE WHAT THE
9 BARRIERS HAVE BEEN AND WHAT RECOMMENDATIONS WE HAVE. THANK
10 YOU.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WENDY? OH, OVER HERE. OVER HERE.

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14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO ARE WE CONTINUED ON ALL OF THEM?

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, 30 AND 31.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** OH, ITEM-- IT WAS CONTINUED?

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20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** 28, 30, AND 31.

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 30 AND 31 FOR TWO WEEKS.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY, WHAT? ARE YOU DEAN PAGE? THEN
2 YOU'RE NOT SIGNED UP, SIR. ALL RIGHT. THOSE ITEMS ARE
3 CONTINUED.

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5 **SUP. BURKE:** I WAS GOING TO CALL 19.

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7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ITEM NUMBER 19.

8

9 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISORS, ON ITEM 19, WE'RE
10 AMENDING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR BARGAINING UNIT
11 601 AND 602 IS NOT BEING AMENDED. WE'RE PROPOSING A CHANGE TO
12 THE LANGUAGE IN THE BOARD LETTER ITSELF, WHICH CLARIFIES THAT,
13 DURING THE PERIOD OF TIME BETWEEN JANUARY 2003 AND DECEMBER
14 31ST, 2004, THAT THE OLD CONTRACT WAS CONTINUED BY MUTUAL
15 CONSENT, AND WE ADDED IN "MUTUAL CONSENT" SINCE THIS MORNING
16 TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT-- AT THE REQUEST OF THE FIREFIGHTERS, TO
17 CLARIFY THAT THAT PERIOD OF TIME BEFORE THE CURRENT CONTRACT
18 WAS EXTENDED BY MUTUAL CONSENT. THAT'S THE ONLY CHANGE...

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** I'D MOVE THE RECOMMENDATION.

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D MOVE IT-- SECOND.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. NEXT ITEM?

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1 **SUP. BURKE:** 75.

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3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 75. IT WAS APPROVED.

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5 **SUP. BURKE:** IT WAS ALREADY APPROVED. I HAVE NOTHING ELSE.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I HAVE ONE ADJOURNING MOTION.

10 I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MANUEL ALVARADO, LONG-TIME

11 RESIDENT OF PACOIMA, WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF

12 80. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 53 YEARS, ANGIE, THREE

13 DAUGHTERS, BELINDA, MARY AND LORRIE, A SON, MANUEL, 13

14 GRANDCHILDREN AND ONE GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTER AND THAT'S ALL I

15 HAVE IN THE WAY OF ADJOURNING MOTIONS.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M JUST TRYING TO GET MY ACT TOGETHER HERE.

20 ITEM-- WE'VE DONE 82, RIGHT? 19 AND 82 WERE TOGETHER? WERE

21 THEY TIED TOGETHER? WAS...

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 82 WAS THE ORDINANCE FOR...

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WAS THAT THE FIREFIGHTERS' M.O.U.?



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S ALREADY PASSED.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DID WE APPROVE 82 AS WELL AS 19?

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6 **SUP. KNABE:** NO, WE HELD THAT. MOVE 82.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SECOND. >**SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SECONDED. WITHOUT
9 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ITEM 75. WERE WE HOLDING THAT?

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE DID 75.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE DID IT. OKAY. AND ITEM 19, WE MOVED IT
16 JUST NOW.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 25...

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. I'M JUST GOING THROUGH. I THINK I'M--
21 6 AND 12?

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 25 AND 33.

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25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW ABOUT 6?



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PARDON?

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OH, 6 AND 12.

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6 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** 6 AND 12 ARE THE COUNTY CHANNEL.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. JANSSEN?

9

10 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. ITEM 6 AND ITEM 12 ARE
11 MOTIONS RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COUNTY CHANNEL. WE
12 HAVE A RECOMMENDATION FOR YOUR BOARD TO DIRECT OUR OFFICE TO
13 SECURE CONSULTANT ASSISTANCE IN CONDUCTING THE ANALYSIS THAT'S
14 IDENTIFIED IN BOTH OF THOSE MOTIONS, THE FIRST SECTION OF EACH
15 MOTION IS TO RETURN IN 90 DAYS WITH A PROPOSAL ON HOW BEST TO
16 IMPLEMENT A COUNTY CABLE CHANNEL. YOU MAY RECALL LAST YEAR,
17 PURSUANT TO A 2003 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, WE DID A
18 REPORT ON THE FEASIBILITY OF A COUNTY CHANNEL. THERE ARE STILL
19 A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS THAT NEED TO BE ANSWERED AND I BELIEVE
20 IT NECESSARY TO OBTAIN SOME CONSULTING HELP TO DO THAT AND
21 THEN REPORT BACK TO YOUR BOARD. NOW WE RECOGNIZE IN WORKING
22 WITH-- AND WE CERTAINLY, CONSUMER AFFAIRS HAS GOT TO BE A VERY
23 IMPORTANT PART OF THIS, AS MY PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE. THE SALE
24 OF ADELPHIA TO TIME WARNER AND COMCAST IS GOING TO AFFECT
25 ABOUT 80% OF THE PEOPLE THAT ARE CURRENTLY SERVED IN THE



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1 UNINCORPORATED AREA. THERE IS A AND WILL BE A TIME LINE FOR
2 RESPONSE ON THAT, SO WE'RE NOT ASKING THAT NOTHING HAPPEN FOR
3 90 DAYS BUT THAT WILL BE PART OF THE REVIEW AND THE
4 DEVELOPMENT OF A COUNTY CHANNEL. BUT, REALLY, THE ISSUE BEFORE
5 YOU HERE IS ARE YOU INTERESTED AS A BOARD TO CONTINUE THE
6 DEVELOPMENT OF A COUNTY CHANNEL?

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WAS GOING TO MOVE THAT YOUR RECOMMENDATION
11 FOR A CONSULTANT BE APPROVED, THAT ITEMS 6 AND 12 BE REFERRED
12 BACK TO YOUR OFFICE AND YOU BRING IT BACK WITH A
13 RECOMMENDATION, WHAT, WITHIN...

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** IN 90 DAYS?

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS I WANT TO ASK.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY. I WOULD SECOND THAT MOTION.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ASK A QUESTION. WHY DO WE NEED AN
22 OUTSIDE CONSULTANT, MR. JANSSEN?

23

24 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISOR, THE COUNTY DOES, AND
25 THE CONSUMER AFFAIRS NEGOTIATES WITH CABLE COMPANIES, THEY ARE



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1 VERY EXPERT AT THAT. WE DO BELIEVE THAT THE UNINCORPORATED
2 AREA CABLE COMPANIES WILL HAVE TO PROVIDE A COUNTY CHANNEL BUT
3 THE COUNTY HAS NEVER DONE A COUNTY CHANNEL BEFORE. THEY ARE
4 MANY CITIES THAT HAVE ONGOING FULL-TIME OPERATIONS. WE DON'T
5 AND WE DON'T BELIEVE THAT WE'RE PREPARED TO TAKE THAT ON
6 WITHOUT SOME PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS THE COST OF SUCH A...

9

10 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I DO NOT HAVE-- I WOULD EXPECT THAT IT WOULD
11 BE LESS-- CERTAINLY LESS THAN A HUNDRED THOUSAND. HOPEFULLY, A
12 LOT LESS THAN THAT.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DO YOU HAVE ANY CONSULTANTS IN MIND?

15

16 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES, I DO, AN INDIVIDUAL WHO PREVIOUSLY RAN,
17 FOR SEVERAL YEARS, THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES' CABLE CHANNEL, IS
18 SOMEONE THAT WE'RE TALKING TO. I CAN'T REMEMBER HER NAME.
19 SUSAN SOMETHING.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS THE TIME LINE FOR THE HIRING OF THE
22 CONSULTANT AND GETTING THE PROGRAMMING ON THE AIR?

23

24 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THE-- WELL, THE PROGRAMMING THAT-- THE REPORT
25 THAT WAS DEVELOPED SAID THAT IT COULD TAKE UP TO TWO YEARS TO



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1 DO, UNLESS WE WERE TO WORK THROUGH AN EXISTING CITY. SANTA
2 MONICA IS ONE OPTION THAT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED. THEY'RE
3 INTERESTED IN CARRYING A COUNTY CHANNEL. IT WILL TAKE LONGER
4 TO DO IT IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA AND THEN THE REST OF THE
5 INCORPORATED CITIES, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO WORK THROUGH THEM
6 TO OBTAIN A CHANNEL TO BE ABLE TO DO IT COUNTYWIDE. WITH
7 RESPECT TO HIRING A CONSULTANT, I THINK WE CAN PROBABLY DO
8 THAT WITHIN A COUPLE OF WEEKS, MAXIMUM.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CAN YOU HIRE THE CONSULTANT TO HANDLE THE
11 START-UP PORTION OF THE PROJECT, THEN HANDLE THE-- HAVE THE
12 COUNTY STAFF HANDLE THE REST OF THE OPERATION?

13

14 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THAT WOULD BE MY THINKING, IS THAT THIS IS
15 GOING TO BE A COUNTY OPERATION.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT'S THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE BOARD OFFICES
18 WITH THE...

19

20 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THE BOARD OFFICES HAVE BEEN FULLY INVOLVED IN
21 THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS UNDERTAKING AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE
22 FULLY INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNDERTAKING. IT ISN'T
23 GOING TO WORK WITHOUT THAT.

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW DO WE DIRECT THE CONSULTANT TO WORK
2 COOPERATIVELY WITH OUR CABLE FRANCHISE PROVIDERS TO HAVE A
3 COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM WHERE THEY'RE PARTNERS AND NOT
4 ADVERSARIES?

5

6 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL, WE APPROACH EVERYTHING AT THE OUTSET AS
7 PARTNERS. IF THE CABLE COMPANIES DON'T WANT TO PROVIDE A
8 CHANNEL AND WE BELIEVE LEGALLY THEY HAVE TO, IT MAY NOT END UP
9 IN A COLLABORATIVE FASHION BUT THAT CERTAINLY IS THE APPROACH
10 THAT WE'RE GOING TO TAKE GOING IN.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE HAVE A MOTION-- WE HAVE TWO PEOPLE WHO
13 HAVE SIGNED UP ON THIS ITEM. WE HAVE A FRANCES TALBOT WHITE E.
14 T. SNELL. GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD BEFORE YOU SPEAK.

15

16 **FRANCES TALBOT WHITE:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS FRANCES
17 TALBOT WHITE. I'M SPEAKING FOR THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF
18 LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND OUR PRESIDENT, MARGO REED. WE ARE AN
19 INTER LEAGUE ORGANIZATION MADE UP OF 13 LOCAL LEAGUES SERVING
20 CITIES IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY. WITH
21 REGARD TO AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 6, I'D LIKE TO EXPRESS BOTH OUR
22 PHILOSOPHICAL AND PRACTICAL SUPPORT FOR A COUNTY CABLE T.V.
23 CHANNEL. OUR PHILOSOPHICAL SUPPORT IS BASED ON POSITIONS
24 DEVELOPED THROUGH LEAGUE STUDY AND CONSENSUS AT NATIONAL,
25 STATE, AND COUNTY LEVELS. FROM THE L.W.V.U.S. POSITION ON



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1 CITIZENS' RIGHT TO KNOW, WE SUPPORT GIVING ADEQUATE NOTICE OF
2 PROPOSED ACTIONS, HOLDING OPEN MEETINGS AND MAKING PUBLIC
3 RECORDS ACCESSIBLE. FROM THE L.W.V. CALIFORNIA POSITION ON
4 VOTING RIGHTS, WE SUPPORT THE IDEA THAT THE VOTERS SHOULD BE
5 PROVIDED WITH RELEVANT, ACCURATE AND EASILY UNDERSTANDABLE
6 INFORMATION ON ELECTIONS, ELECTION ISSUES AND CANDIDATES. A
7 NOTE HERE, THIS WOULD ENCOURAGE SOMETHING LIKE WHAT L.A. 36
8 AND CITY CHANNEL 35 ARE DOING NOW WITH THEIR EXCELLENT
9 ELECTION COVERAGE FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. AND FROM THE
10 L.W.V. L.A. COUNTY POSITION ON COUNTY GOVERNMENT, WE SUPPORT A
11 MORE VISIBLE AND ACCOUNTABLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT. LET'S MAKE
12 THAT TELEVISABLE. L.A. COUNTY LEAGUE HAS NO POSITION ON CABLE
13 T.V., PER SE, BECAUSE THAT HAS ALWAYS BEEN TREATED AS A CITY
14 ISSUE. FOR EXAMPLE, L.W.V. LOS ANGELES, THE CITY'S POSITION ON
15 CABLE T.V. INCLUDES SUPPORT FOR PROVISIONS FOR LOCAL AND
16 CITYWIDE PUBLIC EDUCATION AND GOVERNMENT ACCESS CHANNELS.
17 THAT'S THE PHILOSOPHICAL PART OF MY STATEMENT. THE PRACTICAL
18 PART IS THAT L.W.V. L.A. COUNTY, EITHER ALONE OR IN
19 COLLABORATION WITH OTHER LEAGUES AND PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNELS,
20 HAS DEVELOPED NUMEROUS TELEVISION PROGRAMS OF IMPORTANCE TO
21 ALL CITIZENS OF L.A. COUNTY. MOST RECENTLY, THESE HAVE
22 INCLUDED FORUMS FOR JUDICIAL CANDIDATES IN THE MARCH AND
23 NOVEMBER 2004 ELECTIONS. COUNTYWIDE DISTRIBUTION OF VIDEO
24 MATERIAL HAS ALWAYS BEEN A PROBLEM FOR US, HOWEVER, BECAUSE
25 MANY CITY CHANNELS THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY HAVE A WIDE RANGE OF



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1 SCHEDULING POLICIES, FORMAT REQUIREMENTS, AND, FRANKLY,
2 ATTITUDES TOWARD EACH OTHER'S WORK. IF AND WHEN AN L.A. COUNTY
3 CHANNEL COMES TO PASS, THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LOS
4 ANGELES COUNTY WOULD WELCOME AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK CLOSELY
5 WITH IT AS AN INNOVATIVE AND CREATIVE MEANS TO PURSUE OUR
6 CITIZENS' EDUCATION WORK AND OUR MISSION OF PROVIDING-- EXCUSE
7 ME, PROMOTING THE INFORMED AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF
8 CITIZENS IN GOVERNMENT. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

11

12 **E. T. SNELL:** I WAS GOING TO OFFER A MINUTE OF MY TIME. THE
13 LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS HAS ALWAYS BEEN ONE OF MY FAVORITE IN
14 THE POLITICAL REALM.

15

16 **FRANCES TALBOT WHITE:** OH, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I BET YOU'RE
17 GOING TO TELL ME YOUR MOTHER WAS A MEMBER.

18

19 **E. T. SNELL:** NOPE. SHE WAS JUST A REAL ESTATE BROKER. I THINK
20 IF SHE KNEW YOU WERE AROUND, SHE WOULD HAVE BEEN

21

22 **FRANCES TALBOT WHITE:** WELL, YOU COULD BE YOURSELF. WE HAVE MEN
23 AS MEMBERS.

24



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1 **E. T. SNELL:** WELL, YOU GUYS DO A REAL GOOD JOB. I'VE SEEN THEM
2 PUT ON A LOT OF FORUMS AND THEY REALLY DO THEIR JOB IN THE
3 POLITICAL ARENA AND, AS A POLITICAL ACTIVIST, I WANT TO SAY,
4 YOU KNOW, I'D BE GLAD TO GIVE THEM A MINUTE OF MY TIME IF THEY
5 NEED ANY MORE TIME. THERE'S VERY FEW PEOPLE I'LL GIVE THAT TO.
6 ZEV, ON THE ISSUE OF THAT NEEDLE DISTRIBUTION, I DID SIGN UP
7 ABOUT 20 MINUTES BEFORE THE ISSUE WAS DONE BUT GLORIA DIDN'T
8 RECOGNIZE ME AND SHE KICKED ROCKS. I'LL BE GLAD TO SHARE SOME
9 INFORMATION THAT I HAVE, IT'S VERY IMPORTANT AND I THINK YOU
10 SHOULD HAVE THAT INFORMATION. MY NAME IS E.T. SNELL. I'M A
11 PUBLIC ACCESS PRODUCER. I WENT TO PUBLIC ACCESS TO AIR THIS
12 BOARD OF SUPERVISOR MEETINGS SEVERAL YEARS AGO AND THEN, ALL
13 OF A SUDDEN, THEY BECAME ON THE AIRWAYS. WHAT WOULD YOU THINK,
14 IF YOU WERE IN MY POSITION, YOU'RE TRYING TO GET GOVERNMENT TO
15 BE ACCOUNTABLE. ALL OF A SUDDEN, YOU TURN IT ON, AND IT'S AT
16 10:00 AT NIGHT! EVERYBODY'S ASLEEP. THAT'S NOT-- YOU KNOW, A
17 GOVERNMENT HAS GOT TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE TO THE PEOPLE AND TO
18 PUT THAT ON AT 10:00 AT NIGHT WAS NOT ONLY A SLAP IN THE FACE
19 TO THE VOTERS BUT IT WAS A SLAP IN THE FACE I THINK TO ANYBODY
20 WHO IS INVOLVED IN THE GOVERNMENT. YOU'VE GOT TO HAVE A
21 GOVERNMENT THAT ANSWERS TO THE PEOPLE AND IS RESPONSIBLE TO
22 THE PEOPLE. WE NEED A-- WE NEED THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISOR
23 MEETING LIVE ON SOME KIND OF A CHANNEL WHERE PEOPLE CAN SEE
24 IT. THEY DON'T WATCH IT AT 10:00 AT NIGHT AND I THINK A LOT OF
25 YOUR STAFF NEEDS TO SEE THE MEETINGS, TOO. MAYBE IF THEY TAPE



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1 IT LATER ON FOR NIGHTTIME BUT TO NOT HOLD THEM LIVE IS REALLY
2 A DISCREDIT TO THE VOTERS OF CALIFORNIA. I REMEMBER SHOWING
3 SUPERVISORS SCRATCHING THEIR NOSE AND THEN DOING IT BACK AND
4 FORTH. I THOUGHT IT WAS FUNNY. THE NAME OF THE CABLE SHOW WAS
5 CLOWN ON THE TOWN. AS YOU KNOW, I USED TO SHOW UP IN A CLOWN
6 COSTUME. AND THEN, ALL OF A SUDDEN...

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT'S ON THE INTERNET LIVE.

9

10 **E. T. SNELL:** WHAT IS?

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE MEETING. YOU'RE ON RIGHT NOW, LIVE, ON
13 THE INTERNET.

14

15 **E. T. SNELL:** OH, IS IT ON LIVE NOW? OKAY. OKAY. WELL, THEN,
16 WHAT WOULD BE WRONG WITH PUTTING IT ON A PUBLIC ACCESS SHOW?

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S WHAT WE'RE WORKING ON DOING.

19

20 **E. T. SNELL:** I THINK THAT'S GREAT. I THINK THAT'S GREAT AND I
21 THINK THAT THE GOVERNMENT...

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S NOT FOR OUR LACK OF WANTING TO.

24



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1 **E. T. SNELL:** WELL, THEN, WHY, ZEV, ANSWER ME A QUESTION
2 BECAUSE YOU'RE PRETTY ACCOUNTABLE.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S JUST SO THAT-- NOT TO TAKE IT OUT OF
5 YOUR TIME BUT I JUST...

6

7 **E. T. SNELL:** STOP THE CLOCK!

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ...FOR THE PEOPLE WHO ARE LISTENING, IT'S
10 NOT WITHIN THE BOARD'S POWER TO DETERMINE THE TIME. WE ONLY
11 HAD ACCESS TO A LIMITED AMOUNT OF TIME ON THE SCHOOL DISTRICT
12 CHANNEL. THIS ITEM IS DESIGNED TO TRY TO GET US A CHANNEL
13 WHERE WE COULD TELEWISE IT LIVE AND REPLAY IT IN THE EVENING.

14

15 **E. T. SNELL:** YEAH, THEY HAVE CHOICES. YOU SOUND LIKE YOU
16 LISTEN TO YOUR THING ON THE NEEDLE THING. YOU SOUND LIKE
17 YOU'VE GOT A LITTLE BIT OF, YOU KNOW, RESPONSIBILITY TO THE
18 PEOPLE. AND I'M GOING TO TELL YOU, AIRING IT AT 10:00 AT
19 NIGHT, THAT IS CRAZY, ZEV. I MEAN, PUBLIC COMMENT DOESN'T COME
20 ON 'TIL...

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AS I JUST SAID, MR. SNELL, IT'S NOT OUR
23 CHOICE. WE DON'T CONTROL THE STATION. WE DON'T HAVE A CHANNEL.
24 WE'RE TRYING TO GET ONE.

25



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1 **E. T. SNELL:** YEAH, WELL, THAT'S-- I THINK THAT'S GREAT. THANK
2 YOU.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. MOTION BY YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED TO
5 CONTINUE 6 AND 12-- EXCUSE ME, TO REFER IT TO THE C.A.O. TO
6 PURSUE THE CONSULTANT. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ANY
7 OTHER ITEMS? OKAY. FOURTH DISTRICT.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** YES. I HAVE...

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO, WE'VE DONE 25.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** NO, WE HAVEN'T. I'LL CALL IT UP. I HELD IT. I HAVE
14 A NUMBER OF ADJOURNMENTS. FIRST OF ALL, THAT WE ADJOURN IN
15 MEMORY OF CELERINA MALDONADO, BELOVED MOTHER OF LONG-TIME
16 COUNTY EMPLOYEE LORETO MALDONADO OF THE C.A.O., MARIA
17 GUSTAFSSON, OF COUNTY COUNSEL, ANGELICA MALDONADO. AND ALL
18 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. SHE PASSED AWAY THIS LAST
19 WEEK AT THE AGE OF 83. ALSO ALSO LILIANA, HECTOR AND ORLANDO.
20 MRS. MALDONADO, A COMMUNITY ACTIVIST IN BOYLE HEIGHTS WHO,
21 ALONG WITH OTHER COMMUNITY MEMBERS, UNITED AS MOTHERS OF EAST
22 L.A. AND SUCCESSFULLY PRESENTED-- PREVENTED THE CONSTRUCTION
23 OF A FEDERAL PRISON IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. MONSIGNOR JOHN
24 MORETTA, THE GROUP'S MOTIVATOR AND LEADER WILL CONDUCT THE
25 FUNERAL MASS AT HER BELOVED RESURRECTION CHURCH IN EAST LOS



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1 ANGELES TODAY. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER EIGHT CHILDREN, 22
2 GRANDCHILDREN AND 32 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN AND SHE'S PRECEDED IN
3 DEATH BY HER BELOVED HUSBAND, YSIDRO. ALSO, THAT WE ADJOURN IN
4 MEMORY OF MR. JOHN PICKERING, CAPTAIN JOHN PICKERING. HE WAS
5 THE LAST COMMANDER OF THE LONG BEACH NAVAL SHIPYARD. HE DIED
6 AT THE AGE OF 62. HE WAS WELL KNOWN IN LONG BEACH FOR HIS
7 EFFORTS TO SAVE THE SHIPYARD AND HIS SUBSEQUENT MANAGEMENT OF
8 THE DIFFICULT CLOSURE IN '97. HE ATTENDED OFFICE O.C.S. AND
9 WAS COMMISSIONED AS AN ENSON. IN 1982, HE MARRIED TERI. HE
10 WENT THROUGH THREE TOURS OF DUTY IN VIETNAM. HE ROSE TO THE
11 RANK OF CAPTAIN IN 1989 AND CAME TO LONG BEACH AFTER STINTS IN
12 PHILADELPHIA AND NORFOLK. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, TERI,
13 MOTHER, RUTH, CHILDREN ERIC, SHELBY, SARA AND JOSEPH AND FOUR
14 SISTERS. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DAN KELLY, WHO
15 PASSED AWAY ON APRIL 27TH, HE WAS 58, AN AVID RUNNER AND A
16 LONG-TIME SUPPORTER OF THE LONG BEACH AREA RUNNING COMMUNITY.
17 HIS DONATIONS OF TIME AND MONEY TOUCHED THE LIVES OF MANY
18 OTHER RUNNERS OVER THE YEARS. HE WILL BE TRULY MISSED BY HIS
19 FAMILY AND FRIENDS. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS SISTER, CHARLENE, AND
20 HIS STEP BROTHER, TIM. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
21 JUSTICE CAMPBELL "SANDY" LUCAS, A LONG-TIME JUDGE IN APPELLATE
22 COURT JUSTICE DIED TUESDAY. HE WAS 80 YEARS OLD. HE WAS BORN
23 IN SAN DIEGO BUT GREW UP IN LONG BEACH. AND HE RECEIVED A
24 PURPLE HEART WHILE SERVING IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY DURING
25 WORLD WAR II. HE WAS APPOINTED TO THE SECOND DISTRICT COURT OF



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1 APPEALS IN 1974 BY FORMER GOVERNOR GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN. HE'S
2 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, ELIZABETH, DAUGHTER, LISANNE, SONS,
3 SCOTT AND STEVEN. AND ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LYN
4 BYRUM. SHE WAS 44. SHE WAS A RESIDENT OF SEAL BEACH, SHE WAS A
5 GREAT LADY, ENJOYED LIFE AND LOVED COMPUTERS. SHE'S GOING TO
6 BE GREATLY MISSED BY HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS. SHE'S SURVIVED BY
7 HER HUSBAND, GARY, SON, GARRETT, AND DAUGHTER, ALEXIS. VERY
8 TRAGIC. GOOD FRIEND OF THE FAMILY. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN
9 MEMORY OF PRISCILLA SCHILLINGER, 50 YEAR RESIDENT OF MANHATTAN
10 BEACH, SERVED TWO TERMS AS TRUSTEE ON THE SCHOOL BOARD. SHE'LL
11 BE GREATLY MISSED BY HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS. AND ALSO THAT WE
12 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF L.D. TRAVIS, WHO PASSED AWAY ON MAY 6TH.
13 HE WAS A HARD WORKING FATHER WHO TAUGHT HIS CHILDREN RELIGION,
14 RIGHT FROM WRONG, ENCOURAGED EDUCATION, WAS VERY INVOLVED IN
15 THE GREATER LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY AND WAS A
16 PROGRAM ANALYST FOR HEAD START IN LOS ANGELES. IN ADDITION, HE
17 ENJOYED COOKING AND GARDENING AND HIS GREATEST GIFT TO HIS
18 CHILDREN MAY HAVE BEEN THE EXAMPLE HE SET. HE WAS A FAIR MAN
19 AND TAUGHT HIS CHILDREN MANY GOOD THINGS. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS
20 WIFE OF 55 YEARS, ISABEL, SONS, TRAVIS, JR., TIMOTHY, FOUR
21 GRANDCHILDREN AND THREE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

24



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY. I HELD ITEM 25. I HAVE AN AMENDMENT ON THE
2 GREEN SHEET. YOU KNOW, IF WE CAN HAVE CYNTHIA. BASICALLY, I
3 THINK THE POINT THAT I'M MAKING HERE IS THAT WE WOULDN'T HAVE
4 HAD TO MAKE THIS AMENDMENT IF THE DEPARTMENT HAD MADE AN
5 ACCEPTABLE JUSTIFICATION FOR THE FUNDING AND ALLOCATED THE
6 MONEY SOONER. IT'S REALLY UNFORTUNATE AND, AS I'VE TOLD YOU
7 BEFORE, I MEAN, I'M REALLY NOT PLEASED AT ALL THAT THIS MONEY
8 IS BEING SO ALLOCATED SO LATE IN THE GAME. YOU KNOW, I'VE
9 ASKED YOU A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS, YOU KNOW, WHY IT TOOK SO
10 LONG, AND THERE ARE A NUMBER OF REASONS BUT I THINK, YOU KNOW,
11 THERE'S A REAL IMPACT ON SOME OF THE PROVIDERS IN THIS WHOLE
12 PROCESS AND, YOU KNOW, IN LOOKING AT IT, HAVE YOU REVIEWED
13 THIS PROCESS TO SEE WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN DONE OR CHANGED OR
14 MADE BETTER OR ALLOCATED SOONER SO THAT WE WOULDN'T CONTINUE
15 TO HAVE THIS IMPACT? THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME THAT THIS HAS
16 HAPPENED.

17

18 **CYNTHIA:** WELL, FIRST OF ALL, I'D LIKE TO SAY I AGREE WITH YOU,
19 SUPERVISOR KNABE, IT IS VERY UNFORTUNATE THAT WE ARE HERE AT
20 THIS POINT IN THE FISCAL YEAR WITH REGARDS TO THE AWARD OF
21 FUNDING TO THE CONTRACTORS. AS YOU HAVE INDICATED, THERE HAVE
22 BEEN A NUMBER OF THINGS THAT HAVE OCCURRED TO GET US AT THIS
23 PLACE. WHAT WE WILL BE INSTITUTING TO ENSURE THAT THIS DOESN'T
24 HAPPEN AGAIN IS THAT, WHEN THERE ARE SITUATIONS SUCH AS THIS



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1 UNIQUE ONE, WE WILL BE ABLE TO CALL SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE
2 W.I.B. BOARD TO ALLOW US TO GET APPROVAL TO MOVE FORWARD.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** I MEAN, YEAH, THERE WAS NO REASON. I MEAN, ONE OF
5 THE REASONS GIVEN WAS THAT THE W.I.B. DIDN'T MEET UNTIL
6 JANUARY SOMETHING, I MEAN, THERE'S NO REASON WHY YOU CAN'T
7 CALL A SPECIAL MEETING TO ALLOCATE THIS FUND.

8

9 **CYNTHIA:** THAT IS CORRECT AND WE DID NOT DO THAT AT THIS TIME--
10 FOR THAT PARTICULAR INCIDENT.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** ALL RIGHT. UNLESS THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS, I WOULD
13 MOVE THE ITEM AS AMENDED ON THE GREEN SHEET.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WANT TO ASK THEM ONE QUESTION. WITH THE
16 STATE NEW REGULATIONS REQUIRING RAPID RESPONSE ACTIVITIES TO
17 BE LINKED TO LOCAL AGENCIES WHO PROVIDE THESE DIRECT SERVICES,
18 HOW DO WE JUSTIFY KEEPING OVER \$400,000 FOR THE C.S.S.
19 INTERNAL PROGRAM?

20

21 **CYNTHIA:** THE PROGRAM HISTORICALLY HAS BEEN A PROGRAM THAT WAS
22 A DIRECT SERVICE FOR THE DEPARTMENT. IN JUNE OF LAST YEAR, IT
23 WAS-- THE BOARD LETTER WAS APPROVED TO ALLOW THE CONTINUING
24 FUNDING OF DIRECT SERVICES WITHIN OUR DEPARTMENT. WE ARE
25 CONTINUING TO DO SOME OF THAT DIRECT SERVICE INTERNALLY WITHIN



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1 THE DEPARTMENT. THE FUNDING THAT YOU SEE ALLOCATED THERE IS
2 FOR THE WORK THAT WE HAVE DONE THUS FAR THROUGH THE BALANCE OF
3 THE YEAR. NEXT YEAR, IT WILL BE CONTRACTED OUT.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IN DEALING WITH THE RESERVE COMPONENT OF THE
6 ARMY, MILITARY PERSONNEL AND OTHERS...

7

8 **CYNTHIA:** YES.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ...WERE THE ADDITIONAL DIRECT SERVICES
11 CONSIDERED WHEN CALCULATING THE FUNDING FORMULA?

12

13 **CYNTHIA:** YES.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEY WERE. AND HOW WILL YOU BE ABLE TO
16 PROVIDE QUALITY SERVICE TO THOSE RETURNING VETERANS WHO HAVE
17 ONLY TWO MONTHS LEFT TO SPEND, WE ONLY HAVE TWO MONTHS LEFT TO
18 SPEND THESE FUNDS?

19

20 **CYNTHIA:** WELL, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE KNOW AT THIS POINT IS
21 THAT THIS IS CONTINUING FUNDING FOR THE REGIONAL WORKGROUPS
22 AND SO WORKING WITH THEM, STARTING THIS PROCESS WITH RETURNING
23 VETERANS, WE'LL BE ABLE TO CONTINUE THE PROGRAM STARTING NOW
24 THROUGH NEXT YEAR...

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THE MILITARY PERSONNEL ARE ALL PROVIDED
2 FOR AND THE RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE TO GIVE THEM THE IMMEDIATE
3 RESPONSE REQUIRED?

4

5 **CYNTHIA:** YES, UPON APPROVAL OF THIS BOARD LETTER.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MOTION BY KNABE. SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
8 SO ORDERED.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** AS AMENDED ON THE GREEN SHEET.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AS AMENDED ON THE GREEN SHEET.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** NO, THAT'S MY ITEMS.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE MY ADJOURNMENTS THAT A
17 FRIEND OF OURS, BILL BROWNELL, PASSED AWAY ON FRIDAY. 33 YEARS
18 AGO, HE FOUNDED THE WE TIP NATIONAL ANONYMOUS CRIME FIGHTING
19 ORGANIZATION. HE'S ALSO A FORMER L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF DEPUTY.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** I'D LIKE TO BE INCLUDED IN THAT.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND, IN HIS PROGRAM, WE TIP, MORE THAN
24 420,000 ANONYMOUS TIPS HAD BEEN REPORTED, LEADING TO MORE THAN
25 15,000 ARRESTS AND CONVICTIONS. HE ALSO WORKED WITH CBS, KFVB,



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1 KNX WITH THE WE TIP PROGRAM, I THINK FOX AS WELL. ALSO, PAUL
2 CUSHMAN, WHOSE MOTHER IS A HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER AT QUARTZ HIGH
3 SCHOOL IN ANTELOPE VALLEY. DR. VIVAGENE ALICE LOOP, MEDICAL
4 DOCTOR. SHE PASSED AWAY ON APRIL 4TH. SHE HAD COMPLETED HER
5 RESIDENCY AT COUNTY GENERAL HOSPITAL AND CONTINUED SERVICE
6 FAMILY PRACTICE FOR OVER 40 YEARS IN THE GLENDALE COMMUNITY.
7 CAMPBELL LUCAS, JUDGE LUCAS, WHO WAS A GREAT MEMBER OF THE
8 JUDICIARY, WAS THE FORMER ADMINISTRATIVE PRESIDING JUSTICE FOR
9 THE SECOND DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL. HE PASSED AWAY. DON
10 MCDANIEL, HE WAS A LOCAL ATTORNEY, HE WAS PAST CHAIRMAN OF THE
11 YOUNG REPUBLICANS. DESIRAY CARLA MENDOZA WHO PASSED AWAY ON
12 MAY 10TH. EVERETT RAY MILLARD, JR. WHO WAS THE GREAT, GREAT,
13 GREAT GRANDSON OF THE EARLY PIONEERS WHO TRAVELED BY WAGON
14 TRAIN, ARRIVING IN PASADENA IN 1875. GREAT-GRANDSON OF THE
15 EARLY COUNCIL MEMBER OF PASADENA. HE SERVED 27-YEAR CAREER
16 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT IN
17 WASHINGTON, D.C., WHERE HE WAS THE SENIOR BUDGET ANALYST,
18 OFFICE OF PROGRAM BUDGET DEVELOPMENT. HE JOINS HIS FATHER,
19 EVERETT RAY MILLARD, SR., WHO PRECEDED HIM IN DEATH JUST A TWO
20 MONTHS AGO. AND PAULINE RENFROW, WIFE OF FORMER CAPTAIN FOREST
21 "HUCK" RENFROW, WHO IS RETIRED CAPTAIN OF THE LA CRESCENTA
22 SHERIFF'S STATION, LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF LA CRESCENTA, WHO
23 RECENTLY MOVED TO OREGON AFTER FOREST HAD RETIRED FROM THE
24 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SECONDED BY MR.
25 KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ON THE INTRODUCTION, A



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1 MOTION THAT I HAD PASSED ON A STUDY HAD BEEN COMPLETED
2 RELATIVE TO PRIVATE PROBATE CONSERVATORSHIPS, AND THE MOTION
3 IS RELATED TO THAT REPORT THAT JUST CAME IN ON FRIDAY. PROBATE
4 CONSERVATORSHIPS CONSTITUTES ABOUT ONE QUARTER, 700 CASES OF
5 THE WORKLOAD FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH PUBLIC
6 GUARDIAN OPERATIONS. PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROBATE
7 CONSERVATORS IS SERVING THE FRAIL AND VULNERABLE ELDERLY WHO
8 USUALLY HAVE NO FAMILY OR ARE ABLE TO HELP WITH MANAGING THEIR
9 FINANCES. WHILE MULTIPLE HEALTH-RELATED PROBLEMS, THESE
10 INDIVIDUALS DO NOT ORDINARILY MEET THE CRITERIA FOR
11 INVOLUNTARILY MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT TO THE LATTERMANN PETRO
12 SHORT CONSERVATORSHIP PROGRAM. ANOTHER UNDERDEVELOPED
13 POPULATION IS THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED WHO FREQUENTLY DO
14 NOT HAVE AN ADULT CAREGIVER AND WHOSE LIVES MAY BE IMPROVED BY
15 PROBATE CONSERVATORSHIP. AS A RESULT, THIS MOTION THAT WE HAD
16 ADOPTED IN SEPTEMBER OF 2004, BLUE CONSULTING, INCLUDED A
17 PUBLIC GUARDIAN SPECIAL STUDY, MADE NUMEROUS RECOMMENDATIONS
18 FOR IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE DEPARTMENT. THERE IS A
19 NEED FOR THE PUBLIC GUARDIANSHIP TO ESTABLISH AND COMPLY WITH
20 CASE MANAGEMENT STANDARDS THAT REFLECT THE SATISFACTORY LEVEL
21 OF SERVICE MONITORING GROWTH AND DEMAND FOR SERVICES AND
22 OBTAINING ADDITIONAL FUNDING. IT'S ALSO MENTIONED THAT THE
23 DECISION MADE IN THE EARLY 1990S BY THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE
24 OFFICE TO TERMINATE FUNDING FOR PROBATE CONSERVATORSHIP
25 SERVICES HAS HINDERED THE COUNTY'S ABILITY TO MANAGE THE HIGH



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1 DEMAND FOR SERVICES IN A TIMELY MANNER FOR THOSE IN NEED. SO
2 I'D MOVE THAT THE BOARD, FOR NEXT WEEK, DIRECT THE C.A.O. TO
3 WORK IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH ON
4 A GRADUATED ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR STAFF RESOURCES AND THE
5 PUBLIC GUARDIAN PROBATE CONSERVATORSHIP PROGRAM BEGINNING IN
6 THE 2005/2006 FISCAL YEAR AND TO WORK IN COLLABORATION WITH
7 THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH PUBLIC GUARDIAN, TREASURER,
8 TAX COLLECTOR, COUNTY COUNSEL, SUPERIOR COURT AND OTHER PUBLIC
9 COMMUNICATION RELATED ORGANIZATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE
10 RECOMMENDATIONS REFERENCED IN BLUE CONSULTING'S 2004
11 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC GUARDIANSHIP
12 SPECIAL STUDY; THAT THE DIRECTOR OF-- THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
13 RESOURCES WORK IN COLLABORATION WITH MENTAL HEALTH IN
14 DEVELOPING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC GUARDIAN PERSONNEL
15 TO ENSURE THAT MANAGEMENT AND OTHER STAFF ARE HELD ACCOUNTABLE
16 TO DELIVER QUALITY SERVICES AND, FOUR, THAT THE DIRECTOR OF
17 MENTAL HEALTH WORK IN COLLABORATION WITH REGIONAL CENTERS FOR
18 THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED AND THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO REPORT
19 BACK WITH RECOMMENDATIONS ON USING PROBATE CONSERVATORSHIP FOR
20 THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED WITH NO
21 ADULT CAREGIVER. THAT'S FOR NEXT WEEK. ALSO MOVE THAT WE
22 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF STANLEY RICHARD ANDERSON, WHO PASSED AWAY
23 AT THE AGE OF 72. HE'S THE FATHER OF TROY ANDERSON, DAILY NEWS
24 COUNTY REPORTER. MR. ANDERSON WAS A KOREAN WAR VETERAN IN THE
25 UNITED STATES AIR FORCE...



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** ALL MEMBERS.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ...AN IMPORTANT FIGURE IN THE PACIFIC

5 NORTHWEST FISHING INDUSTRY. SURVIVED BY HIS FOUR SONS:

6 RAYMOND, DEMPSEY, LESLIE, AND TROY, AND A NUMBER OF

7 GRANDCHILDREN.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL MEMBERS.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** ALL MEMBERS.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALL MEMBERS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

14 OKAY. WE ARE NOW ON 33. DR. GARTHWAITE. THIS IS THE MOTION

15 RELATIVE TO CONTRACT SERVICES AT KING DREW, AND, QUESTION, IS

16 THIS THE FIRST TIME A COUNTY HOSPITAL WILL HAVE TELE-RADIOLOGY

17 SERVICES?

18

19 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** TO MY KNOWLEDGE, THIS WILL BE THE FIRST

20 TIME THAT WE'VE CONTRACTED FOR THAT FROM ONE OF OUR

21 FACILITIES.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHO WILL ENSURE THAT ALL OF THOSE REPORTS

24 ARE SIGNED AND PLACED IN PATIENT MEDICAL CHARTS?

25



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1 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WE WILL-- WE'LL INSTITUTE A TRACKING
2 MECHANISM AS PART OF OUR EVALUATION OF THE PREVIOUS ISSUES
3 WITH RELIABLE, WE'VE DONE SOME ADDITIONAL WORK IN OUR COMPUTER
4 SYSTEMS TO BE ABLE TO PULL UP THE-- THE REPORTS AND THE-- OF
5 THE X-RAYS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN, SO WE'RE DOING SOME
6 RECONCILIATION NOW AND I THINK WE'LL BE IN A MUCH BETTER
7 POSITION TO ASSURE THAT TO YOU.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PREVIOUSLY, THERE WERE OVER 12,000
10 DOCUMENTATIONS THAT WERE NOT SIGNED, UNSIGNED BUT, IN YOUR
11 REPORT TO US, THIS PROCEDURE OF SIGNING WILL NOT BE COMPLETED
12 UNTIL JULY 1ST OF '05. SO WHO'S GOING TO OVERSEE THE SIGNING
13 OF THESE REPORTS AND PLACING THEM IN THE CHARTS, PATIENT
14 CHARTS BY-- PRIOR TO JULY 1ST AND THE MONITORING OF THEM?

15

16 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WELL, I THINK THAT THE SIGNING OF X-RAY
17 REPORTS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE RADIOLOGIST WHO READS
18 THEM AND WE'LL SET UP A PROCESS WITHIN OUR MEDICAL RECORDS
19 DEPARTMENT TO ASSURE THAT, AS WE PUT THEM ON THE CHART, THAT
20 THEY ARE SIGNED.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WILL YOU PROVIDE US WITH THE NAMES AND TITLES
23 OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO WILL BE DOING THAT?

24

25 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** SURE.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** COULD YOU EXPLAIN THE PROCESS THAT WILL TAKE
3 PLACE TO APPROVE THESE SERVICES WITH CONFIRMATION OF RADIOLOGY
4 SERVICES RENDERED, THE APPROVALS NEEDED TO VALIDATE PAYMENTS?

5

6 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** YEAH, I DON'T THINK I CAN GIVE YOU THAT
7 RIGHT NOW BUT WE CAN PROVIDE THAT FOR THE RECORD, IF THAT
8 WOULD BE OKAY.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT WAS A DEFICIENCY THAT WAS REPORTED IN
11 YOUR DEPARTMENT'S REPORT OF OCTOBER.

12

13 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I THINK THE IMPORTANT-- THE IMPORTANT
14 PIECE ON-- ON THIS CONTRACT VERSUS THE PREVIOUS CONTRACTS WE
15 HAD WITH RELIABLE, THOSE WERE MORE-- THOSE WERE TIME-RELATED
16 CONTRACTS WHERE WE PAID INDIVIDUALS FOR THEIR-- THE HOURS THAT
17 THEY PUT IN. THIS IS-- OTHER THAN...

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE HOURS THEY PUT DOWN BUT DIDN'T
20 NECESSARILY...

21

22 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WELL, THE HOURS THAT WERE-- RIGHT. AS
23 OPPOSED TO THIS CONTRACT, WHICH, EXCEPT FOR A SMALL BASE FEE
24 PER SHIFT, THIS WILL BE-- THE ACTUAL BILL WILL BE DERIVED BY
25 THE NUMBER OF X-RAYS READ SO THAT WE CAN VERIFY BY LOOKING FOR



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1 THE X-RAY REPORTS AND THE FILMS AND THE RECORD THAT'S CREATED
2 WHEN SOMEONE HAS AN X-RAY, WE CAN CROSS-CHECK THAT WITH THE
3 BILL THAT WE GET. SO THIS WILL BE A MUCH EASIER CONTRACT TO
4 MONITOR.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WILL YOU PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH THE NAMES AND
7 TITLES OF THOSE WHO WILL BE REVIEWING THE PRELIMINARY
8 RADIOLOGY REPORTS AND WHO WILL BE PART OF THE TELEPHONE
9 CONSULTATION OF FILM READINGS?

10

11 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** SURE, WE CAN DO THAT.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THOSE ARE THE QUESTION-- SO THE EPISODE YOU
14 HAD WITH DR. TATE AND OTHERS...

15

16 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** RIGHT.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ...THERE'S A NEED FOR THIS TYPE OF OVERSIGHT.
19 OKAY. I'D MOVE IT. SECONDED BY MS. BURKE. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
20 SO ORDERED. OUR BOARD RULES PROVIDE FOR FIVE SPEAKERS AT THE
21 END OF OUR MEETING AND WE HAVE EXECUTIVE SESSION FOLLOWING
22 THIS. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS ON DIFFERENT ISSUES HAVE
23 SIGNED UP AND THEN WE HAVE A GROUP OF ABOUT 10 OR SO THAT HAVE
24 SIGNED UP ON ONE ITEM. WE'LL DO THE INDIVIDUALS AND THEN ASK
25 THE GROUP OF ELECTION PROTECTION NETWORK IF THEY COULD HAVE A



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1 SPOKESPERSON TO REPRESENT THEM. MILDRED CURLETON, E.T. SNELL,
2 AND DOROTHY LOEHL. WHAT'S YOUR FIRST NAME? IS MILDRED CURLETON
3 HERE? IF NOT, LET ME CALL LEONARD ROSE, JR. OKAY, DOROTHY, DO
4 YOU WANT TO-- JUST GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD BEFORE YOU
5 SPEAK.

6

7 **DOROTHY LOEHL:** MY NAME IS DOROTHY LOEHL. I'M HERE AT THE--
8 FROM MISS BARBARIAN HELPING ME AND I WANTED TO SAY, THROUGH
9 500 PHONE CALLS, SHE WAS THE FIRST PERSON THAT PUT ME IN THE
10 RIGHT DIRECTION, AND I'D LIKE TO PUBLICLY THANK HER. I HAVE
11 BEEN DEALING WITH D.C.F.S. FOR 14 YEARS. I'M A PERSON WHO LEFT
12 A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SITUATION AND I DON'T THINK PEOPLE REALIZE
13 THAT, THIS MANY YEARS AFTER IT'S BEEN ON THE FRONT, FORERUNNER
14 OF OUR CONSCIOUSNESS, HOW DIFFICULT IT IS TO LEAVE A
15 SITUATION, THAT YOU GET NO SUPPORT THROUGH ANY OF THE PUBLIC
16 AGENCIES AND THERE REALLY NEEDS TO BE MORE, ESPECIALLY IF
17 YOU'RE DEALING WITH A DEPUTY SHERIFF AND IT'S A REAL PROBLEM,
18 BECAUSE THEY EITHER DO NOTHING OR THEY'LL FIRE THE PERSON AND,
19 IF THEY FIRE THE PERSON, JUST THINK ABOUT IT FROM A LOGISTICAL
20 POINT OF VIEW, YOU WON'T BE GETTING CHILD SUPPORT OR HEALTH
21 INSURANCE AND THEN YOU HAVE A PERSON THAT PROBABLY HAS A
22 PENSION THAT HAS 40 HOURS MORE A WEEK TO BOTHER YOU WITHOUT
23 HAVING ANY CODE OF CONDUCT AND THIS IS FROM THE GENEVIEVE
24 PEOPLE AND PEOPLE THAT HAVE WORKED WITHIN THE SHERIFF'S
25 DEPARTMENT. THERE IS NOT AT THIS TIME WITHIN THE SHERIFF'S



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1 DEPARTMENT A PLACE YOU CAN GO FOR HELP AND FOR GUIDELINES AND
2 FOR SOMETHING SHORT OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS FIRING IF YOU'RE
3 DEALING WITH A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SITUATION WHEN YOU'VE LEFT
4 AND IT DOESN'T STOP AND I JUST CAN'T TELL YOU HOW DIFFICULT IT
5 IS AND WHAT IS ON MY PLATE. AT THIS TIME, I'M HERE BEFORE THE
6 BOARD, THOUGH, TO ASK YOU TO DO FOUR THINGS IN DEALING WITH
7 D.C.F.S. I'VE CALLED COUNTY COUNSEL, I HAVE A LETTER FROM
8 THEM. THEY'RE NOT FOLLOWING-- YOUR DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND
9 FAMILY SERVICES ISN'T FOLLOWING THEIR OWN GUIDELINES, AND
10 THERE'S NO CHECKS AND BALANCES ANYWHERE TO HAVE THEM FOLLOW
11 THEIR GUIDELINES. I HAVE COPIES OF POLICY AND THEY ADMIT, YES,
12 THAT'S WHAT THE POLICY SAYS BUT WE'RE NOT GOING TO FOLLOW IT,
13 SO I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO. COUNTY COUNSEL SUBSTITUTED OUT ON
14 THIS ISSUE BECAUSE MY EX IS A DEPUTY AND YET I'M NOT IN A
15 SENSITIVE UNIT CASE SO THAT MY ADDRESS IS SEALED AND I'M BEING
16 HELPED IN A WAY WHERE PEOPLE ARE MORE FAMILIAR WITH DOMESTIC
17 VIOLENCE. YOU ALSO DON'T HAVE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TRAINED PEOPLE
18 ANYWHERE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT. I MET WITH THE HIGHEST UP I
19 CAN DEAL WITH AS JOHN Q. PUBLIC YESTERDAY, WHO SAID, IF YOU
20 HAD A GUN POINTED TO YOUR HEAD, I HAVE TO SEE WHAT THE CONTEXT
21 OF THAT SITUATION IS TO SEE WHETHER I WAS CONCERNED. YOU HAD A
22 DIRECTOR SAYING THAT. I'M ASKING FOR A REVIEW AND I HAVE THE
23 PAPERWORK HERE FOR COUNTY COUNSEL ON SENSITIVE CASES AND IF
24 THEY WOULD MAKE A COMMENT AND HAVE A DIRECTIVE THAT MY CASE BE
25 SENT OVER TO THE SENSITIVE UNIT CASE AND THAT THEY HELP ME



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1 NEGOTIATE THE SYSTEM ON WHERE IT'S NOT BEING REVIEWED. I CAME
2 IN FOR VOLUNTARY HELP AND THEY TOOK MY CHILD AWAY BECAUSE MY
3 EX IS A DEPUTY, WITH NO INVESTIGATION AND I'VE BEEN THE
4 CUSTODIAN PARENT OF THE MOST WONDERFUL KID IN THE WORLD FOR 13
5 YEARS. <CRYING>

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. LET'S REFER THIS TO THE OMBUDSMAN FOR
8 THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, DOROTHY.

9

10 **DOROTHY LOEHL:** AND I'D ALSO LIKE TO HAVE A DIRECTIVE ON THE
11 SENSITIVE CASE UNIT. IF YOU COULD ASK COUNTY COUNSEL TO
12 COMMENT ON BOTH THEIR LETTER AND THE POLICY, DEPARTMENT
13 POLICY, I HAVE A COPY OF IT HERE.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE'LL HAVE SOMEBODY ON THE SIDE FROM COUNTY
16 COUNSEL'S OFFICE, WHERE YOU SIGNED IN, THERE WILL BE COUNTY
17 COUNSEL. THANK YOU.

18

19 **E. T. SNELL:** THAT'S A HEARTBREAKING STORY BUT I THINK...

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ONE MOMENT, WAIT A MINUTE. RHUE HARDIN. OKAY.
22 NO RHUE HARDIN HERE? OKAY. LETICIA SANTA CRUZ. LETICIA SANTA
23 CRUZ. OKAY, MR. SNELL.

24



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1 **E. T. SNELL:** MY NAME IS E.T. SNELL. I'M SURE, YOU KNOW, FIRST
2 OFF, I'D LIKE TO SAY, YOU KNOW, I THINK THE BOARD MADE THE
3 RIGHT DECISION, BECAUSE I'VE BEEN DEALING WITH COUNTY COUNSEL
4 FOR A LOT OF YEARS ON A LOT OF ISSUES, BAIL BOND ISSUES,
5 PROPERTY BOND ISSUES, AND I DON'T WANT-- AT THE EXPENSE OF NOT
6 SOUNDING LIKE I SUCK UP AND NOT WANTING TO GET YOU IN TROUBLE,
7 MR. FORTNER, BUT HE'S ALWAYS BEEN ON THE FRONT LINE OF
8 REPRESENTING THE RIGHTS OF EVERYBODY IN THE COUNTY, SO I'M
9 SURE THAT THAT LADY WITH THAT HEART WRENCHING STORY WILL GET
10 SOME JUSTICE. SUPERVISORS, I CAME FROM THE BOARD OF
11 SUPERVISORS MEETING IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY AND I'M PROUD TO
12 SAY I WAS ABLE TO SAVE-- ZEV AND MS. BURKE, COULD YOU PLEASE
13 LISTEN? THIS IS REALLY IMPORTANT, WHAT I HAVE TO SAY. I SAVED
14 EIGHT PEOPLE'S PROPERTY FROM GOING TO TAX SALE. WHAT HAPPENS
15 IS, A FRIEND OF MINE WAS AN INVESTOR AND I SENT OUT THIS
16 LETTER TRYING TO PURCHASE PROPERTIES. OUT OF 2,100 LETTERS,
17 800 OF THEM CAME BACK WITH THE WRONG ADDRESS. A LOT OF THEM
18 CAME BACK DECEASED. THE BOTTOM LINE, ON THE TAX SALE, I'M
19 ASKING THIS GOVERNMENT AND THIS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
20 TO, ON THE NEXT TAX SALE, PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT DEAD PEOPLE
21 PROPERTY IS NOT SOLD. IN OTHER WORDS, CROSS-REFERENCE. SO IF A
22 LETTER GOES OUT TO WEST VIRGINIA, AT LEAST RUN A DEATH
23 CERTIFICATE IN WEST VIRGINIA IN THAT PARTICULAR COUNTY TO SEE
24 IF THE PERSON IS DECEASED. I THINK YOU'RE GOING TO FIND OUT,
25 UNDER 3691, THE TAX CODE SECTION...



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GO ON.

3

4 **E. T. SNELL:** ...UNDER 3691, THE TAX CODE SECTION, YOU'LL FIND
5 OUT THAT IT SAYS THAT THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR IS SUPPOSED TO
6 USE DUE DILIGENCE, SO THAT'S AN INTERPRETATION OF THE LAW
7 ITSELF AND I'M SURE WE DON'T WANT TO SELL DECEASED PEOPLE'S
8 PROPERTY. AND WHAT YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT, THE COUNTY, MR.
9 ANTONOVICH, THE COUNTY BEING-- THE PROBATE ADMINISTRATOR, I
10 THINK WHAT WE NEED TO DO IS, ON THIS NEXT TAX SALE AND, I WILL
11 BE SENDING OUT LETTERS TO ALL THOSE PEOPLE, AND I WILL BE
12 MONITORING THEM, SO I'M ASKING YOU AND I'M TELLING YOU FOLKS
13 AHEAD OF TIME SO YOU CAN'T SAY YOU WERE BURIED IN YOUR
14 COMPUTERS WHEN I WAS SPEAKING OR DON'T KNOW WHAT I WAS TALKING
15 ABOUT, THAT THE NEXT COUNTY TAX SALE, I'M HOPING TO FIND THAT
16 THERE'S NOBODY IN THE COUNTY THAT THE LETTERS WENT TO LAST
17 KNOWN ADDRESSES THAT THE PROPERTIES WERE SOLD AND THAT THEY
18 WERE DECEASED. SO I'M JUST TELLING YOU, IN SAN BERNARDINO
19 COUNTY, IT WAS RAMPANT. IT WAS RAMPANT AND THEY'RE WORKING TO
20 ADMIN THAT PROBLEM RIGHT NOW AND IT'S A STATE ISSUE. SO PLEASE
21 DON'T SELL DEAD THE PEOPLE'S PROPERTY AT TAX SALES BECAUSE THE
22 MONEY SHOULD EITHER GO TO THE HEIRS OR IT SHOULD GO TO THE
23 STATE AND I'M SURE WE DON'T WANT TO TAKE MONEY AWAY FROM THE
24 STATE. SO I WOULD LIKE YOU TO ADDRESS THAT ISSUE WITH THE
25 COUNTY TAX-- BECAUSE IT'S A SERIOUS ISSUE. THEY'RE NOT CROSS-



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1 CHECKING DEATH CERTIFICATES IN OUR COUNTY FOR THE LETTERS THAT
2 ARE GOING OUT, EVEN IN THIS COUNTY. SO IT'S AN APPALLING
3 THING. A 14TH AMENDMENT IS A VERY, VERY, VERY CLOSE THING TO
4 ME BECAUSE IT DEALS WITH THE RIGHT TO OWN PROPERTY AND THE
5 GOVERNMENT TO TAKE IT IS A TERRIBLE THING AND I THANK YOU FOR
6 YOUR TIME.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. MR. ROSE.

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10 **LEONARD ROSE:** MY NAME IS LEONARD ROSE. GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD
11 MEMBERS. I WANT TO TALK ABOUT RECREATION. I JUST CAME FROM THE
12 CAMP LAST WEEK AGO, LAST SUNDAY AND I HAD A GOOD TIME AT LAKE,
13 I GOT TO SEE THE BEACH. DOWN THERE, YOU KNOW? I HAVE A GOOD
14 TIME. AND A COUPLE BOYS WON A COUPLE OF RIBBON AWARDS, DO SIT-
15 UPS AND PUSH-UPS, YOU KNOW, AND WE TRAIN BOYS HOW TO BREATHE
16 IN, BREATHE OUT, WHEN THEY DO EXERCISES, YOU KNOW, AND IT'S
17 GOOD FOR ALL THESE SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND I LOST NINE POUNDS,
18 YOU KNOW, AND-- DURING IT AND I TALK ABOUT L.A. SCHOOL
19 DISTRICT HERE, YOU KNOW, THINGS I'VE WATCHED THE NEWS AND THE
20 YOUTH CENTER IS OPENED FOR OUR YOUTH AND ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER
21 IS DOING A GOOD JOB IN THE DAY AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM. AND THIS
22 ROYAL RANGER, WITH TERRY HAYES AS COMMANDER, HE SEEN GOD MOVE
23 IN THE BOYS' LIFE THROUGH EVENTS SUCH AS PINWOOD DERBY, THE
24 RACE CAR, POW WOW, BASEBALL GAME, COLOR GUARD, THE RANGER
25 FLOAT, ENTERED TO THE SWEEPSTAKES AWARD AT COVINA, CHRISTMAS



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1 PARADE AND THE GROUP MEET US EVERY SUNDAY AT 6:00 P.M. AND
2 ALMOST DOUBLES SINCE MOVING AT TIME. THE PROGRAM IS DESIGNED
3 TO REACH, TEACH, KEEP BOYS FOR CHRIST. 2005 PROMISED TO BE A
4 GREAT YEAR FOR YOUTH, FOR THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY. WE LOOK FOR
5 WHAT GOD HAS PROMISED AND IF HE HAS YOUTH GROUP MINISTRY, WE
6 GO IN YOUR CHURCH, DO SO AND TAKE THEM TO CAMP AND BEACH AND
7 OUTING TRIPS AND C.P.R. CLASS I TOOK. THIS LETTER IS VERIFIED
8 THAT LEONARD ROSE ATTENDED CLASS, CHILD C.P.R., FIRST AID
9 RESPONDER, EMERGENCY CLASS IN DECEMBER 2004 AND THIS, I COULD
10 GET A JOB. I WANT TO BE RECREATION LEADER. AND I WANT TO TALK
11 TO SOMEBODY LATER ON AFTER THE MEETING IS OVER, I WANT TO TALK
12 TO SOMEBODY ABOUT THE RECREATION AIDE, HELPER, HELP KIDS LOSE
13 WEIGHT, YOU KNOW, AND I WANT TO EITHER VOLUNTEER OR GET PAID
14 FOR A PART-TIME JOB, YOU KNOW, HELPING KIDS LOSE WEIGHT HOW I
15 DID AND THIS GIVE ME ATTENTION. I GOT THIS ON THE FLOOR. THIS
16 THING SAYS HEALTHY HEROES AND BASKETBALL AND RICE AND BREAD
17 AND, YOU KNOW, THINGS LIKE THAT FROM A DIETICIAN AND I'D LIKE
18 TO TELL YOU ABOUT A TICKET. MY DAD IS KIND OF MAD AT A POLICE
19 OFFICER AND I WANT TO TALK TO ASSISTANT CHIEF LARRY ABOUT THIS
20 TICKET AT RORY PARK AND SEE IF I CAN GET THIS DEPUTY FIRED AND
21 IF SOMEBODY CAN HELP ME ON THAT AND I WANT TO TALK TO SOMEBODY
22 HERE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME. I GOT A BUSINESS CARD
23 I MADE OUT AND I'LL GIVE EACH BOARD MEMBER MY BUSINESS CARD
24 AND MY ADDRESS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. YES. YES?

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3 **SPEAKER:** HI. HI. I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL, YOU SUPERVISORS, I
4 WANT TO THANK YOU FOR WELCOMING HERE IN YOUR-- IN YOUR MEETING
5 HERE. I NEED YOUR HELP. THE COUNTY OFFICE IS REFUSING TO GIVE
6 ME MY MONEY, MY MONEY FROM MY BENEFITS, MY G.R. I'M WILLING TO
7 PAY WHAT I OWE THEM BUT THE SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE TOLD ME
8 THAT MONEY THAT'S BEEN SENDING TO ME-- THEY'RE SENDING IT TO
9 ME FROM ANOTHER STATE, NOT FROM CALIFORNIA, THEY'RE SENDING IT
10 TO ME FROM KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI AND THE COUNTY OFFICE IS
11 REFUSING TO GIVE ME MY BALANCE THAT IS OWED TO ME. I DON'T
12 WANT TO STEAL ANYTHING FROM THE COUNTY. I'M NOT A THIEF. I
13 NEVER HAVE BEEN. I HAVE NEVER COMMITTED A CRIME, ALTHOUGH I
14 KNOW SOME TECHNIQUES OF GANGS OR WHATEVER BUT I HAVE NEVER
15 KILLED ANYBODY, I LOVE MY KIDS, I LOVE MY CHILDREN, I LOVE YOU
16 GUYS, I HAVE A DEEP RESPECT FOR MY SUPERVISORS, MY OFFICERS
17 AND I NEED YOUR HELP. MY YOUNGEST DAUGHTER IS BEING THREATENED
18 BY HER BOYFRIEND AND HER DAD AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO ANY
19 MORE. SO I REALLY NEED YOUR SUPPORT IN THIS REGARD. THANK YOU.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHERE DO YOU LIVE?

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23 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. I'M RESIDING AT-- ME AND MY DAUGHTER ARE LIVING
24 TOGETHER IN A HOTEL IN THE BACK OF THE CONVENTION CENTER.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHO'S THAT, IS THAT FIRST DISTRICT OR SECOND
2 DISTRICT? OKAY. SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S DEPUTY WILL BE OVER HERE
3 TO SEE YOU. JUST GO OVER TO THE CORNER. SHE'LL TALK TO YOU.
4 HARDYN RHUE AND MILDRED CURLETON. WE HAD-- IS THERE A
5 SPOKESPERSON FOR THE CALIFORNIA ELECTION AND PROTECTION
6 NETWORK?

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8 **MARC KEENBURG:** HOW MUCH TIME ARE WE GOING TO GET?

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JUST THREE MINUTES. WE STILL HAVE ANOTHER
11 MEETING TO GO AFTER THIS.

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13 **SPEAKER:** THERE ARE SEVERAL OF US. WE JUST WANT TO DO A SHORT
14 PRESENTATION. THERE ARE SEVERAL OF US THAT WAITED HERE SINCE
15 8:30 THIS MORNING FOR THREE MINUTES EACH. WE'RE NOT ASKING FOR
16 THE WHOLE TIME BUT COULD YOU PLEASE GIVE US...

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE PROBLEM IS, THE-- OKAY. TWO MINUTES FOR
19 THREE PEOPLE, IF YOU'LL DO THAT.

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21 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. (OFF-MIKE).

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23 **SPEAKER:** AND THEN WE HAVE A HANDOUT, IF YOU DON'T MIND. WE
24 ACTUALLY EMAILED AND FAXED YOU EACH A COPY OF THIS. AND
25 THERE'S TWO CDS AND IF YOU JUST GRAB... (OFF-MIKE)



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2 **MARC KEENBURG:** OKAY. WE'RE READY.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JUST GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD BEFORE YOU
5 SPEAK.

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7 **MARC KEENBURG:** MY NAME IS MARC KEENBURG. I'M WITH CALIFORNIA
8 ELECTION PROTECTION NETWORK. WE'RE A GROUP OF ELECTION
9 INTEGRITY ACTIVISTS AND WHAT WE'RE PRESENTING TODAY IS WE HAVE
10 SOME QUESTIONS THAT WE'D LIKE ANSWERED ON THE R.F.P. FOR THE
11 INKAVOTE, HAVA ENHANCEMENT. WE REVIEWED THE BID CONTRACT ON IT
12 AND THERE'S SOME SECURITY FLAWS THAT WE WOULD LIKE ADDRESSED.
13 THE CENTER OF THE CONTRACT INVOLVES THE P.B.R. UNIT, WHICH IS
14 THE PRECINCT BALLOT RECORDER AND WHAT IT IS IS THERE'S ONE
15 UNIT IN EACH POLLING SITE AND THEY'RE CONNECTED TO THE VOTING
16 STATIONS INSIDE EACH POLLING SITE AND THE WAY WE FORESEE IT,
17 IT'S NOT SPELLED OUT IN THE BID CONTRACT BUT EACH POLLING
18 STATION, WHICH THE VOTER WILL INSERT THEIR CARD AND THERE'S ON
19 OPTI-SCANNER THAT READS THE CARD AND IT TRANSFERS IT TO THE
20 B.P.R. UNIT. AND WE FIGURE, THE WAY WE LOOK AT IT IS EACH
21 POLLING-- EACH VOTING STATION IS GOING TO BE NETWORKED TO THE
22 P.B.R. UNIT WITH REMOVABLE CABLES LIKE THESE AND THERE'S
23 SOFTWARE INSIDE THE P.B.R. UNIT AND THERE'S GOING TO BE A
24 MEMORY CARD INSIDE THE P.B.R. UNIT THAT RECORDS THE VOTERS'
25 CHOICES. AND, FROM THOSE, THE MEMORY CARDS AND THE BALLOTS,



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1 AFTER VOTING IS CLOSED, ARE GOING TO GO TO COUNTY HEADQUARTERS
2 AND THAT'S HOW THEY'RE GOING TO TABULATE THE VOTES. WHAT WE
3 SEE IS A SECURITY FLAW IN THE CABLE SYSTEM FROM THE VOTING
4 STATIONS TO THE P.B.R. UNIT AND THEY'RE PROBABLY GOING TO BE
5 COMMON, EASILY REMOVABLE CABLES, SUCH AS THESE THAT CAN BE
6 EASILY REMOVABLE. AND IF SOMEBODY WITH KIND OF A MALICIOUS
7 MIND, A VOTER GOES INTO THE VOTING STATION, HE CAN PULL OUT
8 THE CABLE THAT GOES INTO THE-- THAT GOES INTO THE VOTING
9 STATION AND HE CAN TAKE LIKE A P.D.A. OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT,
10 A HANDHELD COMPUTING DEVICE, AND HE CAN PLUG THAT CABLE INTO
11 HIS COMPUTING DEVICE AND HE CAN FEED DATA INTO THE P.B.R.
12 UNIT, WHICH WILL CORRUPT ALL OF THE DATA, THE VOTING DATA
13 INSIDE THE P.B.R. UNIT AND THAT'S WHAT THEY'RE GOING TO
14 TABULATE THE VOTES FROM. WE FIND THAT'S A REAL SERIOUS
15 SECURITY FLAW. AND, IN THE CONTRACT, WE WOULD LIKE THAT
16 ADDRESSED WHEREBY THEY MAKE THE CABLE ENDS MUCH MORE SECURE SO
17 THAT THEY CAN'T BE REMOVED BY HAND. OUR SECOND ITEM ON THE
18 R.F.P., WE WOULD LIKE-- WE WOULD LIKE THE SOFTWARE INSIDE THE
19 P.B.R. UNIT TO HAVE SOME SORT OF FIRE WALL AND SOME SORT OF
20 SECURITY FUNCTIONS IN IT BECAUSE IT'S TOO EASILY TAMPERED
21 WITH. THE THIRD THING ON THE R.F.P. IS THERE'S A CLAUSE IN
22 SECTION 11.0, EXHIBIT D, PAGE 20, REQUIRING WIRELESS
23 CONNECTION AND CAPABILITIES. THERE'S NO WAY THAT WIRELESS--
24 ANY SORT OF WIRELESS FUNCTIONS CAN BE PERMITTED INSIDE OF OR
25 WITH ANY OF THE VOTING TABULATING DEVICES, EITHER AT THE



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1 POLLING SITE OR COUNTY HEADQUARTERS OR ANYWHERE IN THE STREAM
2 AND THERE CANNOT BE PERMITTED ANY SORT OF INTERNET
3 CONNECTIONS. WE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT CLAUSE IS
4 TAKEN OUT OF THE R.F.P. WE PRESENTED ALL OF THIS TO CONNY
5 MCCORMACK'S OFFICE AND THEY'VE BEEN REAL GOOD ABOUT RESPONDING
6 TO THINGS WE'VE SUBMITTED, SO I'M SURE THAT THEY'RE GOING TO
7 RESPOND TO THIS. NOW, THERE'S A SERIES OF ITEMS WHICH WE WOULD
8 LIKE TO SEE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADOPT INTO COUNTY
9 REGULATIONS FOR THE POLLING SITES. NUMBER ONE IN THE P.B.R.
10 MEMORY CARDS, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THOSE ARE TRANSPORTED TO
11 COUNTY HEADQUARTERS AND STAY WITH THE BALLOTS AND, IF THEY'RE
12 GOING TO HAVE THE SAME STATUS AS BALLOTS, STATE RULES STATE
13 THAT THE BALLOTS BE HELD FOR 22 MONTHS. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE
14 THE MEMORY CARDS ARE HELD FOR 22 MONTHS, AND THE NEXT STEP WE
15 WANT TO SEE IS, AT EACH POLLING SITE, WE WANT TO SEE POSTED
16 THE RESULTS FROM THAT POLLING SITE AND WE WOULD LIKE CLARIFIED
17 WHERE THOSE RESULTS ARE GOING TO COME FROM, IF THEY'RE GOING
18 TO COME FROM COUNTY HEADQUARTERS OR IF THEY'RE GOING TO BE
19 TABULATED OFF THE MEMORY CARDS. IT'S A WAY OF AUDITING TO MAKE
20 SURE THAT THE DATA THAT GOES INTO THE MEMORY CARDS IS THE SAME
21 DATA THAT IS GOING TO BE TABULATED AT THE COUNTY CENTRAL
22 TABULATORS, IT'S KIND OF A SECURITY DEVICE. THE ITEM NUMBER 6
23 IS WE WANT TO SEE AN ON-SITE LOG AT EACH POLLING SITE
24 MAINTAINED, WHEREBY ANYONE WHO ACCESSES ANY OF THE ELECTRONIC
25 VOTE-- VOTING EQUIPMENT INSIDE OF EACH POLLING SITE LOGS IN



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1 AND IDENTIFIES THEMSELVES WITH THEIR DRIVER'S LICENSE, WHO
2 THEIR EMPLOYER IS, THE DATE AND THE TIME AND WHAT KIND OF WORK
3 THEY'RE PERFORMING ON THE EQUIPMENT. IN 2004, ALL ACROSS THE
4 COUNTRY, THERE WERE INSTANCES OF UNIDENTIFIED PEOPLE, NOT A
5 LOT OF INCIDENCES BUT IT HAPPENED, OF UNIDENTIFIED PEOPLE
6 COMING INTO POLLING SITES WHERE THERE WAS ELECTRONIC VOTING
7 DEVICES AND WORKING ON THE EQUIPMENT AND THEY DIDN'T IDENTIFY
8 THEMSELVES AND THERE'S NO TRACE OF WHO THESE WERE-- WHO THESE
9 PEOPLE WERE, WHAT THEY DID, WHO THEY WORKED FOR AND IT'S A
10 PRETTY DISTURBING THOUGHT. AND WE WOULD LIKE THE COUNTY TO
11 INITIATE A REGULATION MANDATING THAT A LOG, MAINTENANCE LOG
12 AND ACCESS LOG BE MAINTAINED AT EVERY POLLING SITE. ITEM
13 NUMBER 7, ALL THE ELECTRONIC VOTING EQUIPMENT HAS TO BE
14 QUALIFIED FEDERALLY BY THE FEDERAL I.T.A.S, INDEPENDENT
15 TESTING AGENCIES, AND THEY ISSUE A CERTIFICATE OF
16 QUALIFICATION. AND EVERY PIECE OF ELECTRONIC VOTING EQUIPMENT
17 HAS TO BE STATE CERTIFIED. WE WOULD LIKE, JUST LIKE A BUSINESS
18 POSTS ITS BUSINESS LICENSES AT EACH POLLING SITE, WE WOULD
19 LIKE TO SEE THE COUNTY MANDATE THAT, AT EACH POLLING SITE, A
20 COPY OF THE CERTIFICATES AND THE QUALIFICATIONS BE POSTED AT
21 SITE, SO EVERY VOTER WHO GOES INTO EACH POLLING SITE CAN SEE
22 THE CERTIFICATES THAT ARE ON FILE FOR ALL THAT EQUIPMENT. WE
23 THINK THAT KEEPS A CERTAIN TRANSPARENCY LEVEL. PEOPLE SHOULD
24 HAVE SOME SORT OF LEVEL OF SECURITY ABOUT THE ELECTRONIC
25 EQUIPMENT THAT THEY'RE CASTING THEIR VOTE ON. NUMBER EIGHT, WE



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1 WOULD LIKE TO SEE AN INCIDENT AND ERROR REPORT, HAVE READILY
2 AVAILABLE TO ANY AND ALL VOTERS AT EVERY POLLING SITE SO THAT,
3 IF THEY ENCOUNTER ANY PROBLEMS, INCIDENTS OR ERRORS FROM THE
4 ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES, ON-SITE, THEY CAN FILL IT OUT,
5 THEY CAN PUT THE DATE, THEIR NAME AND WHAT KIND OF INCIDENT
6 THEY ENCOUNTERED AT THAT PARTICULAR POLLING SITE. IN 2004,
7 THERE WERE 40,000 TO A HUNDRED THOUSAND INCIDENTS ACROSS THE
8 COUNTRY THAT HAVE BEEN DOCUMENTED OF PROBLEMS PEOPLE HAVE
9 ENCOUNTERED WITH ELECTRONIC VOTING EQUIPMENT. WE WOULD LIKE TO
10 SEE A FORM ISSUED BY THE COUNTY AVAILABLE AT EVERY SITE SO
11 THAT, IF THERE'S PROBLEMS THAT DEVELOP FROM ELECTRONIC VOTING,
12 PEOPLE CAN RECORD IT AND THERE WILL BE A RECORD OF IT AND IT
13 WILL BE EASILY DOCUMENTED AND WE CAN TRACE ANY KIND OF
14 PROBLEMS. ITEM NUMBER 9, THE COUNTY HAS A MICRO TALLY SYSTEM,
15 THAT'S THE NAME THAT THEY USE, THAT TABULATES THEIR VOTES. WE
16 WOULD LIKE ALL COMPONENTS OF THAT SYSTEM IDENTIFIED. WE WOULD
17 LIKE THE VENDOR'S NAME, THE SUPPLIER, THE MANUFACTURER, THE
18 WRITER OF THE SOFTWARE AND FIRMWARE, WE WANT TO KNOW THE
19 SOFTWARE VERSIONS AND THE DATES OF PURCHASES AND THAT INCLUDES
20 EVERY COMPONENT FROM THE MAINFRAME COMPUTER, THE TALLY
21 COMPUTERS, THE SUMMARY COMPUTER, THE CENTRAL TABULATOR AND THE
22 OPTI-SCAN SYSTEM THAT THEY'RE USING. WE FEEL THAT ALL OF THESE
23 ARE JUSTIFIED TO MAINTAIN A SECURE, TRANSPARENT VOTING SYSTEM
24 CONSIDERING THAT SOFTWARE, AMERICAN CITIZENS DON'T HAVE THE
25 RIGHT OR ACCESS TO EXAMINE THE SOFTWARE THAT'S USED IN



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1 ELECTRONIC VOTING NOWADAYS BECAUSE IT'S PROPRIETARY SOURCE
2 CODE AND THERE'S NO REAL WAY TO EXAMINE IT. IT'S PUT INTO
3 ESCROW. A VERSION-- A SAMPLE OF IT IS PUT INTO ESCROW BY THE
4 STATE, BUT YOU HAVE NO GUARANTEE THAT THAT'S THE VERSION OR
5 THE EXACT TYPE OF SOFTWARE THAT'S IN THE VOTING MACHINES. WE
6 WOULD LIKE YOU TO TAKE THAT INTO CONSIDERATION AND SOME OF
7 THESE ITEMS I THINK ARE VERY PRAGMATIC REQUESTS. AND THAT'S
8 WHAT I HAVE TO SAY.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU FOR THAT. WE WILL, AGAIN, PROVIDE
11 THAT INFORMATION TO CONNY MCCORMACK, THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER AS
12 WE HAVE PROVIDED THE OTHER INFORMATION THAT YOU PREVIOUSLY
13 HAVE TESTIFIED AND THE MEMBERS OF YOUR GROUP HAVE. OKAY. WE
14 WILL NOW...

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16 **LEONARD SHAPIRO:** HOW ABOUT ME?

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO, YOU WERE PART OF THE GROUP.

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20 **LEONARD SHAPIRO:** CAN I SAY ANYTHING?

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

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24 **LEONARD SHAPIRO:** YOU'VE GOT TIME YET. YOU'VE GOT 15 SECONDS.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT WE'D LIKE TO SEE YOU BACK, MR. SHAPIRO.
2 YOU'VE BEEN AWAY TOO LONG. YOU LOOK MUCH BETTER NOW THAT YOU
3 GOT...

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5 **LEONARD SHAPIRO:** YOU KEEP ME HERE FOR SIX HOURS AND THEN DON'T
6 GIVE ME EVEN 10 SECONDS TO TALK!

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT WHEN YOU WAKE UP EARLY IN THE MORNING ON
9 THURSDAY, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SEE THE LAST 15 SECONDS OF LEONARD
10 SHAPIRO.

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12 **LEONARD SHAPIRO:** WELL, ONLY AN IDIOTIC BOARD LIKE THIS WOULD
13 HAVE A TIME THAT THEY PUT IT ON AT 10:00 AT NIGHT AND NOW
14 YOU'RE SPENDING MONEY DOING SOMETHING THAT I TOLD YOU TO DO 15
15 YEARS AGO.

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S WHY WE'RE DOING IT. IT'S THE
18 TELEVISION STATION, THAT'S WHEN THEY PUT US. WE WANT PRIME
19 TIME SO YOU'LL BE ABLE TO GET BETTER COVERAGE.

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21 **LEONARD SHAPIRO:** WELL, LET ME JUST SAY A COUPLE OF WORDS
22 ABOUT...

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S ALL RIGHT. THAT'S ALL RIGHT. WE LOVE
25 YOU, THOUGH. WE'LL SEE YOU NEXT WEEK.



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2 **LEONARD SHAPIRO:** BE PROUD OF YOURSELF. I'LL WRITE YOU UP GOOD!
3 A-N-T-O-N-O...

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5 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT
6 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF
7 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEMS
8 CS-1 AND CS-2, CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING
9 EXISTING LITIGATION AND ITEM CS-4, CONSIDERATION OF DEPARTMENT
10 HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED
11 AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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